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Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIAL:	Mar. 1956	Mar. 1955	Feb. 1956
Anthracite Production (net tons).....*	2,029	2,020	2,334
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....*	43,090	37,206	41,825
Construction Contracts ($).....*	2,382,000	2,134,819	1,659,737
Copper Production ref. (net tons).....	144,027	135,701	129,717
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....	141,590	131,354	139,383
Industrial Production (FRB)1947-49=100	142.0	135.0	143.0
Mfg. Employment (BLS).....1947-49=100	106.7	103.3	107.0
Mfg. Payrolls (BLS).....1947-49=100	158.4	146.6	157.9
Newsprint Production (net tons).....	701,866	666,409	645,128
Newsprint Shipments (net tons).....	682,067	638,922	633,618
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....*	7,149	6,437	6,603
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....	66,300	83,900	70,400
Rubber Consumption (long tons).....	128,135	136,042	126,164
Steel Ingot Production (net tons)....*	10,921	9,982	10,119
Zinc Production (net tons).....	91,690	89,179	86,329
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....	84,207	79,720	84,727
	Feb. 1956	Feb. 1955	Jan. 1956
Coke Production (net tons).....*	6,475	5,391	6,915
Cotton Consumption (bales).....	760,600	720,600	747,000
Electricity Production (kw-hours)....†	50,000	46,269	58,092
Lead Production prim. (net tons).....	49,475	40,173	51,306
Lead Shipments prim. (net tons).....	39,411	46,645	49,746
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units)..	663,586	744,942	690,253
Tires - Production (units).....*	8,897	8,745	8,979
Tires - Shipments (units).....*	7,473	8,272	8,203
Wool Consumption (pounds).....*	42,000	33,600	42,400
	Jan. 1956	Jan. 1955	Dec. 1955
Cement Production (barrels).....*	N. A.	20,223	23,075
Cement Shipments (barrels).....*	N. A.	13,520	17,203
Cigarette Production (units).....†	32,871	30,438	27,357
Gasoline Production (barrels).....*	121,733	112,808	121,411
Petroleum Production (barrels).....*	223,160	209,600	221,804
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....*	248,721	228,737	240,634

FINANCIAL:	Mar. 1956	Mar. 1955	Feb. 1956
Bank Debits, Total U. S. ($).....†	189,804	178,924	162,087
Bank Debits, N. Y. C. ($).....†	73,214	67,242	57,413
Bank Debits, Outside N.Y.C. ($).....†	116,590	111,682	104,674
Bond Sales, N.Y. Stock Ex. ($).....*	99,987	81,373	82,279
Bond Sales, Am. Stock Ex. ($).....*	3,650	3,120	1,660
Bond Sales, Municipal ($).....*	383,882	539,767	709,444
Fire Losses ($).....*	89,315	88,197	84,041
Life Insurance Sales ($).....†	4,612	3,830	3,707
Stock Sales N.Y. Stock Ex. (shares)..*	60,363	66,865	46,401
Stock Sales Am. Stock Ex. (shares)...*	27,570	23,860	15,430
	Feb. 1956	Feb. 1955	Jan. 1956
Merchandise Exports U. S. ($).....*	1,343,000	1,237,000	1,275,900
Merchandise Imports U. S. ($).....*	1,078,000	849,800	1,072,900
Railway Earnings, Gross ($).....*	814,236	727,246	831,623
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. ($)...*	67,039	67,563	62,877
Retail Sales ($).....†	13,700	12,800	13,900
Wholesale Sales ($).....†	9,500	8,500	9,400
Manufacturing Sales ($).....†	26,500	24,000	26,400
Retail Inventories ($).....†	23,800	22,000	22,800
Wholesale Inventories ($).....†	12,600	11,800	12,500
Manufacturing Inventories ($).....†	47,100	43,500	46,700

(*) 000 Omitted. (†) 000,000 Omitted.

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities— March 1956 and 1955

(Thousands of dollars)

	MAR. 1956	MAR. 1955	% Change	FEB. 1956
Boston.....	2,889,115	2,879,607	+ 0.3	2,661,899
Philadelphia.....	5,235,000	5,545,000	- 5.6	4,854,000
Buffalo.....	579,023	602,150	- 3.9	541,041
Pittsburgh.....	2,017,128	1,822,854	+ 10.7	1,802,113
Cleveland.....	2,331,842	2,166,919	+ 7.6	2,264,991
Cincinnati.....	1,189,105	1,150,210	+ 3.4	1,102,596
Baltimore.....	1,511,118	1,480,504	+ 2.1	1,383,572
Richmond.....	806,745	786,353	+ 2.6	754,599
Atlanta.....	1,609,500	1,602,700	+ 0.4	1,302,200
New Orleans.....	859,272	844,977	+ 1.7	784,869
Memphis.....	536,184	511,439	+ 4.8	525,456
Chicago.....	4,555,962	4,514,453	+ 0.9	4,369,829
Detroit.....	3,238,092	3,162,048	+ 2.4	2,993,464
St. Louis.....	1,574,109	1,565,560	+ 0.5	1,452,912
Louisville.....	843,277	811,135	+ 4.0	792,015
Minneapolis.....	1,591,419	1,533,698	+ 3.8	1,460,610
Kansas City.....	1,712,264	1,743,437	- 1.8	1,564,318
Omaha.....	663,731	683,099	- 2.8	586,023
Denver.....	780,933	728,714	+ 7.2	667,350
Dallas.....	1,889,707	1,869,023	+ 1.1	1,709,741
Houston.....	1,787,763	1,651,034	+ 8.3	1,628,450
Los Angeles.....	3,901,716	3,850,627	+ 1.3	3,681,475
San Francisco.....	2,837,251	2,758,636	+ 2.8	2,504,425
Portland, Ore.....	807,356	770,331	+ 4.8	714,473
Seattle.....	820,121	811,789	+ 1.0	722,704
Total 25 Cities....	46,567,733	45,846,297	+ 1.6	42,825,125
New York.....	49,166,547	49,402,838	- 0.5	39,549,611
Total 26 Cities....	95,734,280	95,249,135	+ 0.5	82,374,736

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities— 3 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	3 MONTHS 1956	3 MONTHS 1955	% Change	3 MONTHS 1954
Boston.....	8,527,856	8,031,353	+ 6.2	7,437,031
Philadelphia.....	15,476,000	14,836,000	+ 4.3	13,694,000
Buffalo.....	1,735,203	1,627,508	+ 6.6	1,501,349
Pittsburgh.....	5,793,951	4,927,283	+ 17.6	4,762,803
Cleveland.....	7,082,351	6,006,707	+ 17.9	5,620,739
Cincinnati.....	3,550,947	3,240,023	+ 9.6	3,188,913
Baltimore.....	4,429,105	4,087,929	+ 8.3	3,731,560
Richmond.....	2,421,075	2,247,573	+ 7.7	2,124,728
Atlanta.....	4,590,000	4,413,200	+ 4.0	3,971,700
New Orleans.....	2,522,493	2,309,200	+ 9.2	2,192,853
Memphis.....	1,654,540	1,546,622	+ 7.0	1,500,193
Chicago.....	13,875,707	12,600,163	+ 10.1	11,681,777
Detroit, Mich.....	9,684,150	8,621,677	+ 9.3	7,840,391
St. Louis.....	4,719,004	4,468,028	+ 5.6	4,281,250
Louisville.....	2,505,723	2,336,337	+ 7.3	2,185,792
Minneapolis.....	4,701,316	4,265,756	+ 10.2	4,103,187
Kansas City.....	5,048,870	4,863,061	+ 3.8	4,548,961
Omaha.....	1,907,825	1,898,817	+ 0.5	2,043,967
Denver.....	2,191,391	1,990,780	+ 10.1	1,815,435
Dallas.....	5,636,326	5,209,523	+ 8.2	4,785,104
Houston.....	5,251,662	4,560,255	+ 15.2	4,111,405
Los Angeles.....	11,584,145	10,347,875	+ 11.9	9,037,152
San Francisco.....	8,157,086	7,427,048	+ 9.8	6,700,185
Portland, Ore.....	2,282,224	2,142,966	+ 6.5	1,896,065
Seattle.....	2,377,249	2,241,175	+ 6.1	2,015,247
Total 25 Cities....	137,707,099	126,246,859	+ 9.1	116,771,787
New York.....	136,505,494	137,052,964	- 0.4	131,187,854
Total 26 Cities....	274,212,593	263,299,823	+ 4.1	247,959,641

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1953 to Date

(Millions of dollars)

	Total 26 United States Cities 1956	1955	1954	1953	New York City 1956	1955	1954	1953	Total 25 Cities Excluding N. Y. C. 1956	1955	1954	1953
January.....	96,104	87,462	80,946	79,037	47,789	45,004	42,599	39,082	48,314	42,458	38,347	39,955
February.....	82,375	80,589	76,130	68,623	39,550	42,646	40,866	33,899	42,825	37,943	35,264	34,724
March.....	95,734	95,249	90,883	83,913	49,167	49,403	47,723	41,689	46,568	45,846	43,160	42,224
April.....	.....	83,559	82,815	79,149	.....	41,673	43,437	39,190	.....	41,887	39,378	39,959
May.....	.....	86,047	79,771	75,787	.....	42,099	42,435	37,671	.....	43,948	37,336	38,116
June.....	.....	91,966	89,211	82,121	.....	46,545	47,566	41,717	.....	45,421	41,645	40,404
July.....	.....	83,362	83,729	80,394	.....	41,017	44,207	39,930	.....	42,345	39,522	40,464
August.....	.....	86,995	82,817	71,871	.....	41,453	43,345	34,435	.....	45,543	39,472	37,436
September.....	.....	86,612	80,283	77,912	.....	42,020	40,710	39,003	.....	44,592	39,573	38,909
October.....	.....	90,642	83,176	80,716	.....	44,905	43,134	39,967	.....	45,737	40,042	40,749
November.....	.....	88,603	84,476	75,948	.....	43,333	43,079	37,535	.....	45,270	41,397	38,413
December.....	.....	97,510	98,823	88,142	.....	50,787	52,928	46,171	.....	46,724	45,895	41,971
Total.....	.....	1,058,596	1,013,060	943,613	.....	530,883	532,029	470,289	.....	527,712	481,031	473,324

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1953 to Date

	Number of Failures 1956	1955	1954	1953	Current Liabilities (000 Omitted) 1956	1955	1954	1953	Total Liabilities (000 Omitted) 1956	1955	1954	1953
January.....	1,048	939	867	647	$42,890	$37,872	$29,592	$23,309	$43,712	$39,000	$29,906	$23,760
February.....	1,024	877	926	691	49,189	42,056	47,774	27,273	49,436	42,194	47,909	27,525
March.....	1,170	1,038	1,102	739	42,622	41,209	57,280	31,082	43,843	41,289	57,746	31,584
April.....	...	903	975	693	.....	35,968	42,512	27,520	.....	36,299	43,160	28,152
May.....	...	955	943	697	.....	34,714	38,494	32,789	.....	34,840	39,068	33,032
June.....	...	914	965	817	.....	36,667	41,613	32,379	.....	37,171	41,615	32,454
July.....	...	861	856	724	.....	32,543	32,230	39,830	.....	32,706	32,725	40,334
August.....	...	888	912	700	.....	36,028	32,582	28,529	.....	36,425	32,712	30,194
September.....	...	822	819	686	.....	33,120	36,381	33,817	.....	33,348	37,757	34,050
October.....	...	919	871	840	.....	34,777	29,000	37,076	.....	34,777	29,308	37,298
November.....	...	945	933	815	.....	42,783	35,067	36,795	.....	43,073	36,780	36,996
December.....	...	908	917	813	.....	41,643	40,103	43,754	.....	42,008	40,925	45,088
Total.....	...	10,969	11,086	8,862	.....	$449,380	$462,628	$394,153	.....	$453,130	$469,611	$400,467

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (REVISED) 1947-49=100

Group:	Mar. 1956	Feb. 1956	Jan. 1956	Mar. 1955
ALL COMMODITIES	112.8	112.4	111.8	110.0
Farm Products	86.6	86.0	84.1	92.1
Processed Foods	99.2	99.0	98.3	101.6
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foods	121.0	120.6	120.2	115.6
Textile Products and Apparel	95.9	96.0	95.6	95.3
Hides, Skins & Leather Products	97.7	97.1	96.7	92.2
Fuel, Power & Lighting Materials	110.9	111.2	110.2	108.5
Chemicals and Allied Products	106.5	106.4	106.3	106.8
Metals and Metal Products	146.3	145.1	144.9	131.9
Machinery and Motive Products	134.7	133.9	133.2	126.1
Furniture, Other Household Durables	118.2	118.2	118.1	115.1
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural	127.6	127.1	127.1	121.9
Rubber and Products	146.2	147.1	148.2	138.0
Lumber and Products	127.9	126.7	126.2	121.4
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	126.8	125.4	124.8	116.8
Tobacco Mfres. & Bottle Beverages	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.6
Miscellaneous	88.2	88.7	89.6	95.6

United States Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living)

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Revised Series: 1947-49 = 100

Group:	Mar. 1956	Feb. 1956	Jan. 1956	Mar. 1955
ALL ITEMS	114.7	114.6	114.6	114.3
Food	109.0	108.8	109.2	110.8
Housing	120.7	120.7	120.6	119.6
Apparel	104.8	104.6	104.1	103.2
Transportation	126.7	126.9	126.8	127.3
Medical Care	131.4	130.9	130.7	127.0
Personal Care	119.2	118.9	118.5	113.5
Reading and Recreation	107.7	107.5	107.3	106.6
Other Goods and Services	121.2	120.9	120.8	119.8

United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

	Base Year	Feb. 1956	Jan. 1956	Dec. 1955	Nov. 1955	Feb. 1955
U. S. (B.L.S.)	1947-49	112.4	111.8	111.3	111.3	110.4
Canada	1935-39	222.2	222.0	221.4	220.7	217.4
Austria	1953	108.0	106.0	106.0	107.0	108.0
Denmark	1953	106.0	105.0	106.0	105.0	101.0
Finland	1953	101.0	100.0	98.0	98.0	98.0
France	1953	103.0	100.0	100.0	99.0	98.0
India	1953	96.0	95.0	94.0	93.0	92.0
Japan	1953	99.0	98.0	98.0	97.0	99.0
Mexico	1953	131.0	130.0	128.0	129.0	119.0
Norway	1953	104.0	103.0	103.0	102.0	101.0
Switzerland	1953	102.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	101.0
		Jan. 1956	Dec. 1955	Nov. 1955	Oct. 1955	Jan. 1955
Australia	1953	104.0	104.0	104.0	103.0	98.0
Belgium	1953	103.0	102.0	101.0	101.0	100.0
Brazil	1953	....	....	153.0	154.0	143.0
Costa Rica	1953	109.0	110.0	109.0	108.0	108.0
Cuba	1953	....	94.0	95.0	95.0	95.0
Dominican Republic	1953	94.0	99.0	96.0	95.0	96.0
Germany	1953	102.0	101.0	101.0	101.0	100.0
Greece	1953	126.0	125.0	123.0	123.0	116.0
Guatemala	1953	....	100.0	103.0	102.0	100.0
Italy	1953	103.0	102.0	102.0	101.0	102.0
Lebanon	1953	....	97.0	96.0	95.0	92.0
Morocco, Fr.	1953	98.0	99.0	96.0	94.0	99.0
Netherlands	1953	....	102.0	102.0	102.0	103.0
Peru	1953	....	121.0	121.0	120.0	115.0
Philipines	1953	91.0	92.0	93.0	94.0	94.0
Portugal	1953	97.0	97.0	96.0	96.0	94.0
Spain	1953	109.0	108.0	107.0	107.0	102.0
Sweden	1953	108.0	107.0	106.0	105.0	101.0
Turkey	1953	....	128.0	125.0	120.0	115.0
Union South Africa	1953	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	101.0
U. K. (Bd. of Tr.)	1953	....	104.0	106.0	105.0	103.0
Venezuela	1953	....	103.0	103.0	104.0	102.0

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1954 to Date

1956		1955		1954	
Jan. 3	$5.95	Jan. 4	$6.75	Jan. 5	$6.85
Jan. 10	5.92	Jan. 11	6.81	Jan. 12	7.03
Jan. 17	5.86	Jan. 18	6.84	Jan. 19	6.96
Jan. 24	5.89	Jan. 25	6.88	Jan. 26	7.02
Jan. 31	5.95	Feb. 1	6.85	Feb. 2	7.01
Feb. 7	5.90	Feb. 8	6.77	Feb. 9	7.09
Feb. 14	5.94	Feb. 15	6.69	Feb. 16	7.11
Feb. 21	5.93	Feb. 22	6.65	Feb. 23	7.20
Feb. 28	5.95	Mar. 1	6.63	Mar. 2	7.21
Mar. 6	5.94	Mar. 8	6.55	Mar. 9	7.25
Mar. 13	5.96	Mar. 15	6.53	Mar. 16	7.27
Mar. 20	5.93	Mar. 22	6.55	Mar. 23	7.34
Mar. 27	5.89	Mar. 29	6.52	Mar. 30	7.42
Apr. 3	5.96	Apr. 5	6.49	Apr. 6	7.40
Apr. 10	5.96	Apr. 12	6.54	Apr. 13	7.35
Apr. 17	6.01	Apr. 19	6.52	Apr. 20	7.41
Apr. 24	6.04	Apr. 26	6.42	Apr. 27	7.39
May 1	....	May 3	6.38	May 4	7.38
May 8	....	May 10	6.39	May 11	7.31
May 15	....	May 17	6.37	May 18	7.39
May 22	....	May 24	6.34	May 25	7.46
May 29	....	May 31	6.33	June 1	7.38
June 5	....	June 7	6.39	June 8	7.36
June 12	....	June 14	6.51	June 15	7.23
June 19	....	June 21	6.49	June 22	7.28
June 26	....	June 28	6.42	June 29	7.30
July 3	....	July 5	6.33	July 6	7.22
July 10	....	July 12	6.26	July 13	7.23
July 17	....	July 19	6.17	July 20	7.23
July 24	....	July 26	6.17	July 27	7.14
July 31	....	Aug. 2	6.21	Aug. 3	7.10
Aug. 7	....	Aug. 9	6.24	Aug. 10	7.10
Aug. 14	....	Aug. 16	6.23	Aug. 17	7.07
Aug. 21	....	Aug. 23	6.21	Aug. 24	6.89
Aug. 28	....	Aug. 30	6.15	Aug. 31	6.65
Sept. 4	....	Sept. 6	6.19	Sept. 7	6.70
Sept. 11	....	Sept. 13	6.26	Sept. 14	6.69
Sept. 18	....	Sept. 20	6.25	Sept. 21	6.73
Sept. 25	....	Sept. 27	6.28	Sept. 28	6.71
Oct. 2	....	Oct. 4	6.17	Oct. 5	6.69
Oct. 9	....	Oct. 11	6.11	Oct. 12	6.64
Oct. 16	....	Oct. 18	6.08	Oct. 19	6.59
Oct. 23	....	Oct. 25	6.05	Oct. 26	6.71
Oct. 30	....	Nov. 1	6.02	Nov. 2	6.74
Nov. 6	....	Nov. 8	6.00	Nov. 9	6.80
Nov. 13	....	Nov. 15	6.04	Nov. 16	6.88
Nov. 20	....	Nov. 22	6.02	Nov. 23	6.85
Nov. 27	....	Nov. 29	5.99	Nov. 30	6.85
Dec. 4	....	Dec. 6	5.99	Dec. 7	6.83
Dec. 11	....	Dec. 13	5.96	Dec. 14	6.74
Dec. 18	....	Dec. 20	5.96	Dec. 21	6.75
Dec. 25	....	Dec. 27	5.97	Dec. 28	6.78
Average	....	Average	$6.34		$7.50

Note: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations. (1930-32=100)

	Apr. 1956	Mar. 1956	Feb. 1956	Jan. 1956	Dec. 1955
1	†	281.26	280.15	†	275.40
2	288.71	281.41	280.24	*	276.40
3	289.22	*	280.80	280.48	*
4	289.99	†	*	280.80	†
5	290.11	281.15	†	280.08	276.77
6	290.78	281.43	280.36	280.34	276.91
7	*	281.70	280.62	*	276.61
8	†	281.73	281.17	†	276.74
9	292.45	281.91	281.43	280.29	279.04
10	292.28	*	281.77	280.38	*
11	292.36	†	*	280.04	†
12	293.03	282.44	†	279.86	278.42
13	292.45	282.40	281.36	279.65	278.87
14	*	282.54	281.24	*	278.39
15	†	282.64	280.89	†	278.28
16	292.88	283.15	281.10	279.72	279.76
17	293.22	*	281.50	278.79	*
18	293.46	†	*	279.07	†
19	294.47	283.86	†	280.12	280.38
20	295.24	284.23	281.98	279.15	280.58
21	*	284.58	281.82	*	280.11
22	†	285.59	*	†	280.20
23	294.86	286.19	282.28	279.47	280.15
24	294.98	*	281.77	279.47	*
25		†	*	280.22	†
26		285.65	†	280.52	*
27		285.74	281.86	281.06	280.47
28		285.96	281.19	*	290.51
29		286.03	281.05	†	280.34
30		*		280.22	280.22
31		*		280.29	*

(*) Holiday (†) Sunday

	High		Low	
1956	295.24	Apr. 20	278.79	Jan. 17
1955	280.79	Jan. 27	270.68	June 3
1954	279.82	Dec. 28	270.72	June 30
1953	284.18	July 23	274.04	Oct. 8
1952	312.13	Jan. 5	280.05	Dec. 17

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The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	MARCH 1956	MARCH 1955	FEBRUARY 1956
New England:			
Boston, Mass.	$1,679,485	$3,222,717	$3,076,252
Bridgeport, Conn.	864,300	954,435	844,360
Bristol, Conn.	207,299	610,005	382,816
Brockton, Mass.	3,020,929	1,310,220	313,335
Cambridge, Mass.	517,615	1,382,645	264,775
Chelsea, Mass.	14,985	33,220	19,275
Everett, Mass.	36,585	129,510	29,375
Fall River, Mass.	118,005	149,020	108,325
Fitchburg, Mass.	44,250	48,840	65,205
Greenwich, Conn.	1,108,993	1,026,060	816,814
Hartford, Conn.	300,684	281,450	227,263
Haverhill, Mass.	105,600	175,010	31,600
Holyoke, Mass.	237,775	304,600	143,825
Lawrence, Mass.	159,475	309,040	211,075
Lowell, Mass.	607,250	313,900	273,010
Lynn, Mass.	214,750	242,350	155,050
Manchester, N. H.	584,150	1,005,714	227,580
Medford, Mass.	210,250	341,050	87,450
New Bedford, Mass.	457,582	274,970	171,120
New Britain, Conn.	133,350	597,950	306,100
New Haven, Conn.	392,378	901,888	629,509
Newton, Mass.	389,060	862,495	178,595
Norwalk, Conn.	1,441,284	810,822	780,130
Portland, Me.	338,340	622,735	1,367,948
Providence, R. I.	505,050	511,500	305,750
Quincy, Mass.	256,393	830,890	311,345
Salem, Mass.	1,358,085	382,040	261,025
Somerville, Mass.	24,075	51,580	107,846
Springfield, Mass.	1,313,015	1,149,881	898,015
Stamford, Conn.	1,112,720	1,175,623	1,113,743
Waterbury, Conn.	740,600	792,650	401,480
West Hartford, Conn.	957,639	1,152,563	1,274,004
Worcester, Mass.	395,540	274,980	531,880
Total New England	$19,847,491	$22,232,353	$15,915,875
Middle Atlantic:			
Manhattan *	$15,865,800	$19,435,639	$59,303,700
Manhattan †	2,721,160	2,014,460	2,930,700
Bronx *	10,307,150	12,129,240	4,443,950
Bronx †	496,000	581,285	550,755
Brooklyn *	4,981,750	9,791,450	5,815,200
Brooklyn †	3,891,720	1,375,460	806,560
Queens *	11,531,562	11,448,849	12,513,490
Queens †	1,330,130	1,587,980	1,825,800
Richmond *	1,272,350	1,120,080	817,100
Richmond †	114,850	93,140	165,300
Total N. Y. City	$52,512,472	$59,577,583	$89,172,555
(*) New Work. (†) Alterations.			
Albany, N. Y.	$1,375,846	$647,224	$254,480
Allentown, Pa.	1,421,350	1,377,850	236,535
Altoona, Pa.	290,263	146,142	191,298
Atlantic City, N. J.	735,400	212,110	937,713
Auburn, N. Y.	260,700	131,495	42,700
Bayonne, N. J.	56,760	1,002,910	55,365
Binghamton, N. Y.	501,589	327,711	125,011
Buffalo, N. Y.	1,210,135	2,579,185	738,270
Camden, N. J.	383,226	301,831	177,223
East Orange, N. J.	48,166	82,096	3,140,778
Elizabeth, N. J.	141,625	746,456	135,674
Elmira, N. Y.	267,230	404,239	58,125
Erie, Pa.	834,900	1,657,030	418,700
Harrisburg, Pa.	387,784	495,090	354,648
Jamestown, N. Y.	197,058	221,020	57,950
Jersey City, N. J.	821,009	287,400	321,836
Lancaster, Pa.	126,926	314,799	157,352
Mount Vernon, N. Y.	329,355	1,483,178	192,083
Newark, N. J.	439,175	727,647	2,584,252
New Brunswick, N. J.	286,000	3,847,235	127,500
New Rochelle, N. Y.	526,144	1,405,451	946,340
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	745,492	689,515	463,179
Philadelphia, Pa.	13,360,810	16,184,250	6,124,910
Pittsburgh, Pa.	2,351,224	2,552,502	2,112,621
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	80,045	224,335	291,086
Reading, Pa.	355,018	643,262	256,085
Rochester, N. Y.	1,109,588	806,090	466,372
Schenectady, N. Y.	124,420	178,619	135,400
Scranton, Pa.	402,889	253,823	78,430
Syracuse, N. Y.	1,395,900	1,230,785	727,690
Troy, N. Y.	90,215	150,020	176,545
Utica, N. Y.	971,000	177,100	11,500
Watertown, N. Y.	47,776	93,180	25,076
White Plains, N. Y.	405,150	627,567	2,954,615
Wilkes Barre, Pa.	105,735	352,149	151,762
Williamsport, Pa.	171,735	109,249	139,730
Wilmington, Dela.	466,334	1,744,079	463,973
Yonkers, N. Y.	2,606,815	2,125,010	1,147,676
York, Pa.	373,202	139,578	213,700
Total Middle Atl.	$88,316,461	$106,256,795	$116,366,738

	MARCH 1956	MARCH 1955	FEBRUARY 1956
South Atlantic:			
Asheville, N. C.	$1,792,415	$333,656	$458,871
Atlanta, Ga.	5,207,323	6,296,167	4,767,708
Augusta, Ga.	299,156	839,531	540,143
Baltimore, Md.	5,721,384	3,870,000	8,854,608
Charleston, S. C.	197,132	148,871	223,294
Charlotte, N. C.	1,735,534	5,744,003	1,965,425
Coral Gables, Fla.	989,349	1,345,685	813,336
Greensboro, N. C.	1,246,685	1,422,165	1,758,990
Greenville, S. C.	697,075	547,248	252,500
Jacksonville, Fla.	1,290,774	1,226,390	1,505,352
Lynchburg, Va.	3,522,540	1,686,939	371,640
Macon, Ga.	528,987	232,773	285,174
Miami, Fla.	4,311,517	3,947,866	3,212,000
Miami Beach, Fla.	921,105	4,689,643	650,582
Norfolk, Va.	875,578	1,570,668	1,375,905
Richmond, Va.	1,399,980	2,309,670	1,969,199
Roanoke, Va.	5,223,003	1,020,601	1,153,871
Savannah, Ga.	574,000	560,760	378,400
Tampa, Fla.	3,999,188	4,179,053	8,044,283
Washington, D. C.	6,836,673	11,613,604	3,398,227
Winston Salem, N. C.	1,152,086	984,889	2,035,534
Total So. Atlantic	$48,521,484	$54,570,182	$44,015,042
East Central:			
Akron, Ohio	$2,915,932	$3,982,954	$3,159,912
Bay City, Mich.	216,000	409,000	114,400
Berwyn, Ills.	339,110	669,839	126,100
Bluefield, W. Va.	68,775	377,241	55,860
Canton, Ohio	403,925	569,163	694,588
Chicago, Ills.	26,667,548	25,594,100	21,769,809
Cincinnati, Ohio	2,616,690	3,178,745	2,838,260
Clarksburg, W. Va.	197,519	268,773	61,032
Cleveland, Ohio	5,989,200	8,709,900	3,403,000
Columbus, Ohio	3,477,610	2,947,925	2,387,420
Dayton, Ohio	2,633,705	2,279,758	1,209,014
Detroit, Mich.	8,335,991	12,401,561	8,418,478
East St. Louis, Ills.	469,000	377,330	653,300
Evanston, Ills.	796,632	1,744,749	666,753
Evansville, Ind.	212,348	379,005	638,624
Flint, Mich.	2,266,385	1,952,790	1,081,510
Fort Wayne, Ind.	538,556	1,018,401	819,828
Gary, Ind.	1,137,067	1,226,727	1,258,307
Grand Rapids, Mich.	1,042,835	1,043,890	612,645
Green Bay, Wisc.	727,492	760,400	405,017
Hammond, Ind.	1,237,381	1,288,169	1,675,175
Huntington, W. Va.	419,849	528,808	177,075
Indianapolis, Ind.	1,850,242	2,825,888	2,838,696
Lansing, Mich.	805,875	938,430	879,410
Lima, Ohio	172,625	135,650	143,600
Louisville, Ky.	3,219,637	2,635,305	3,685,227
Madison, Wisc.	1,160,667	1,193,844	575,660
Milwaukee, Wisc.	8,203,662	6,120,081	5,384,135
Newark, Ohio	301,075	560,685	308,300
Oak Park, Ills.	111,624	259,035	214,925
Peoria, Ills.	1,471,009	763,110	1,448,917
Pontiac, Mich.	541,017	679,252	703,940
Quincy, Ills.	540,598	328,827	163,325
Racine, Wisc.	1,519,150	935,020	684,875
Rockford, Ills.	1,476,905	2,607,175	735,005
Saginaw, Mich.	573,517	1,046,323	500,480
South Bend, Ind.	1,237,372	1,659,473	588,535
Springfield, Ills.	872,247	377,515	2,641,709
Springfield, Ohio	283,185	121,400	41,200
Superior, Wisc.	422,815	26,655	206,955
Terre Haute, Ind.	663,802	528,700	165,701
Toledo, Ohio	2,061,587	1,313,065	1,003,640
Waukegan, Ills.	1,520,566	547,170	1,710,630
Wheeling, W. Va.	273,250	320,340	246,535
Youngstown, Ohio	1,831,479	1,503,993	1,045,437
Zanesville, Ohio	158,550	44,600	61,760
Total East Central	$93,982,006	$99,180,764	$78,204,904
South Central:			
Abilene, Texas	$4,321,221	$1,722,558	$2,147,097
Amarillo, Texas	1,710,582	3,510,531	1,649,908
Austin, Texas	7,696,106	4,658,025	2,242,850
Beaumont, Texas	500,055	697,908	442,633
Birmingham, Ala.	4,479,335	2,865,753	2,364,225
Chattanooga, Tenn.	790,921	436,222	676,855
Dallas, Texas	9,684,818	17,127,696	12,059,207
El Paso, Texas	2,527,056	3,587,824	2,545,021
Fort Smith, Ark.	528,885	237,437	265,547
Fort Worth, Texas	3,818,490	6,468,382	3,416,504
Galveston, Texas	132,951	252,654	377,745
Houston, Texas	15,092,148	15,495,106	16,283,631
Jackson, Miss.	861,525	1,610,622	939,523
Knoxville, Tenn.	1,110,891	1,447,657	1,751,600
Little Rock, Ark.	1,215,617	1,328,290	380,221
Memphis, Tenn.	4,395,031	3,811,859	2,024,854
Mobile, Ala.	1,022,353	2,301,038	1,562,758

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	MARCH 1956	MARCH 1955	FEBRUARY 1956
So. Cent. (Cont+)			
Montgomery, Ala.....	$856,136	$1,654,049	$1,229,640
Muskogee, Okla.....	142,250	58,600	92,050
Nashville, Tenn.....	848,355	1,500,748	329,133
New Orleans, La.....	10,366,548	5,973,124	4,388,107
Oklahoma City, Okla..	2,795,465	5,767,566	2,671,933
Port Arthur, Texas..	653,142	615,042	248,917
San Angelo, Texas...	501,457	932,015	604,686
San Antonio, Texas..	5,056,673	5,273,980	10,124,603
Shreveport, La.....	2,158,206	2,571,149	3,070,906
Tulsa, Okla.....	2,083,610	1,645,920	1,107,650
Waco, Texas.....	1,681,428	1,316,554	994,761
Wichita Falls, Texas..	583,364	1,136,782	1,243,642
Total So. Central...	$87,614,619	$96,005,691	$77,236,207
West Central:			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa..	$1,151,740	$2,176,517	$483,103
Davenport, Iowa.....	2,019,045	769,080	590,356
Des Moines, Iowa....	2,506,797	7,135,129	1,145,045
Dubuque, Iowa.....	279,603	739,370	1,549,488
Duluth, Minn.....	352,308	1,555,205	168,707
Fargo, N. D.....	91,100	69,205	36,900
Kansas City, Kas....	1,344,49	862,118	284,887
Kansas City, Mo.....	4,975,000	8,939,000	1,903,000
Lincoln, Neb.....	1,508,970	1,746,536	1,049,559
Minneapolis, Minn...	2,140,601	2,566,006	1,001,206
Omaha, Neb.....	2,899,940	2,853,216	2,002,955
St. Joseph, Mo.....	277,150	399,947	254,200
St. Louis, Mo.....	3,353,044	3,609,130	2,957,365
St. Paul, Minn.....	3,497,660	3,209,733	1,303,288
Sioux City, Iowa....	609,375	438,350	269,000
Sioux Falls, S. D...	735,160	659,657	168,732
Topeka, Kas.....	711,270	1,414,309	673,150
Wichita, Kas.....	2,588,322	3,459,454	5,047,533
Total West Central..	$31,041,504	$42,651,962	$20,888,474

	MARCH 1956	MARCH 1955	FEBRUARY 1956
Mountain:			
Albuquerque, N. M...	$2,483,552	$4,628,377	$2,402,721
Billings, Mont.....	1,095,000	1,244,600	237,550
Boise, Idaho.....	377,618	631,049	220,778
Butte, Mont.....	61,986	58,600	27,750
Colorado Springs, Col	1,879,018	3,092,780	984,370
Denver, Col.....	8,373,225	10,274,300	7,167,425
Great Falls, Mont...	1,284,381	383,798	429,493
Ogden, Utah.....	1,132,000	1,682,700	192,700
Phoenix, Ariz.....	2,793,216	3,283,600	2,112,177
Pueblo, Col.....	1,354,459	1,621,310	681,739
Salt Lake City, Utah	2,513,430	1,934,172	1,296,287
Tucson, Ariz.....	1,106,720	1,128,642	2,742,772
Total Mountain.....	$24,454,605	$29,963,928	$18,495,762
Pacific:			
Bakersfield, Cal....	$1,537,180	$646,466	$998,505
Berkeley, Cal.....	168,562	879,664	520,591
Beverly Hills, Cal..	350,842	954,589	649,511
Fresno, Cal.....	2,462,608	2,409,587	957,218
Glendale, Cal.....	1,546,606	1,289,330	1,923,989
Long Beach, Cal.....	17,413,290	8,581,165	2,796,945
Los Angeles, Cal....	40,122,647	38,297,746	31,354,360
Oakland, Cal.....	3,210,475	2,977,247	2,430,360
Pasadena, Cal.....	2,741,543	1,967,312	1,428,545
Portland, Ore.....	4,295,520	4,562,215	2,412,030
Sacramento, Cal.....	2,596,933	3,251,369	1,922,035
San Diego, Cal.....	10,711,618	5,300,673	6,394,897
San Francisco, Cal..	4,460,900	6,123,359	2,997,217
San Jose, Cal.....	5,848,274	2,074,055	2,496,010
Seattle, Wash.....	6,857,290	7,106,560	4,371,350
Spokane, Wash.....	2,706,239	2,892,914	928,502
Stockton, Cal.....	1,070,788	855,230	756,996
Tacoma, Wash.....	1,253,768	1,965,943	1,160,286
Total Pacific.....	$109,355,083	$92,135,424	$66,499,347
Total 215 Cities....	$503,133,253	$542,997,099	$437,622,349

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	3 MONTHS 1956	3 MONTHS 1955	3 MONTHS 1954
New England:			
Boston, Mass.....	$7,906,668	$7,987,858	$4,763,905
Bridgeport, Conn....	2,425,040	2,040,335	1,029,685
Bristol, Conn.....	987,215	912,984	921,996
Brockton, Mass.....	3,747,184	2,008,430	550,982
Cambridge, Mass.....	853,230	1,662,156	811,325
Chelsea, Mass.....	107,320	71,596	66,210
Everett, Mass.....	125,646	435,910	1,011,813
Fall River, Mass....	292,330	356,308	376,346
Fitchburg, Mass.....	166,655	96,470	240,565
Greenwich, Conn.....	2,649,947	2,411,950	4,668,017
Hartford, Conn.....	1,509,180	9,830,930	3,194,797
Haverhill, Mass.....	159,675	441,755	180,150
Holyoke, Mass.....	408,450	752,350	354,000
Lawrence, Mass.....	502,970	457,725	133,145
Lowell, Mass.....	985,510	455,090	362,250
Lynn, Mass.....	570,100	662,850	1,692,227
Manchester, N. H....	1,364,859	1,520,981	863,020
Medford, Mass.....	390,410	493,850	733,420
New Bedford, Mass...	1,822,636	476,370	402,074
New Britain, Conn...	719,100	1,236,200	626,905
New Haven, Conn.....	1,673,786	3,132,536	3,540,863
Newton, Mass.....	667,715	1,401,700	1,776,583
Norwalk, Conn.....	2,618,384	3,172,393	1,989,830
Portland, Me.....	1,901,228	1,317,346	424,863
Providence, R. I....	1,112,900	2,310,900	817,500
Quincy, Mass.....	786,509	1,089,655	1,692,036
Salem, Mass.....	1,720,880	893,420	328,645
Somerville, Mass....	156,146	89,585	94,237
Springfield, Mass...	5,305,236	3,306,826	2,635,180
Stamford, Conn.....	3,400,213	3,170,689	3,681,124
Waterbury, Conn.....	1,452,830	1,893,004	1,248,800
West Hartford, Conn.	2,704,200	2,392,218	2,513,669
Worcester, Mass.....	1,554,570	1,169,387	3,075,450
Total New England...	$52,748,722	$59,651,757	$46,801,612
Middle Atlantic:			
Manhattan.....*	$106,779,798	$63,478,939	$72,557,000
Manhattan.....†	8,049,210	6,819,840	14,880,445
Bronx.....*	19,992,800	17,910,942	11,321,485
Bronx.....†	1,502,235	2,012,168	1,689,510
Brooklyn.....*	14,706,550	20,625,450	15,818,389
Brooklyn.....†	7,128,390	5,072,625	7,972,825
Queens.....*	37,374,433	34,378,353	50,694,182
Queens.....†	4,685,005	3,400,565	5,081,700
Richmond.....*	2,875,700	2,766,055	1,744,044
Richmond.....†	326,855	223,485	402,307
Total New York City.	$203,420,976	$156,688,422	$182,161,887
(*) New Work.	(†) Alterations.		
Albany, N. Y.....	$2,025,921	$3,281,202	$1,007,076
Allentown, Pa.....	3,918,035	2,674,550	1,216,540
Altoona, Pa.....	563,796	338,016	192,272
Atlantic City, N. J.	2,732,522	400,647	570,008

	3 MONTHS 1956	3 MONTHS 1955	3 MONTHS 1954
Middle Atl. (Cont.)			
Auburn, N. Y.....	$414,759	$213,695	$100,400
Bayonne, N. J.....	207,000	1,104,760	294,539
Binghamton, N. Y....	683,379	522,620	437,665
Buffalo, N. Y.....	2,566,595	4,869,441	2,428,406
Camden, N. J.....	707,201	624,620	608,050
East Orange, N. J...	3,384,084	303,716	342,250
Elizabeth, N. J.....	665,754	1,024,418	3,490,640
Elmira, N. Y.....	348,280	460,794	242,375
Erie, Pa.....	1,648,810	2,642,800	2,121,142
Harrisburg, Pa.....	1,049,839	6,979,597	9,122,514
Jamestown, N. Y.....	284,338	2,177,519	484,939
Jersey City, N. J...	1,366,195	2,878,580	565,125
Lancaster, Pa.....	392,751	746,390	1,248,930
Mount Vernon, N. Y..	1,351,642	2,191,226	646,033
Newark, N. J.....	6,996,962	2,024,402	1,492,847
New Brunswick, N. J.	501,400	4,104,335	498,707
New Rochelle, N. Y..	2,014,556	4,813,926	4,049,699
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	1,813,061	1,799,057	877,705
Philadelphia, Pa....	26,380,040	35,004,470	35,886,370
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	5,773,981	16,706,887	5,923,671
Poughkeepsie, N. Y..	546,356	306,734	229,252
Reading, Pa.....	839,756	1,610,469	1,432,353
Rochester, N. Y.....	1,909,630	4,844,113	4,898,983
Schenectady, N. Y...	370,771	447,219	398,436
Scranton, Pa.....	905,039	1,284,251	461,471
Syracuse, N. Y.....	3,170,940	2,749,685	4,473,876
Troy, N. Y.....	277,760	406,836	214,323
Utica, N. Y.....	1,031,500	281,100	312,040
Watertown, N. Y.....	176,667	122,090	75,684
White Plains, N. Y..	4,612,315	1,591,362	2,961,070
Wilkes Barre, Pa....	359,711	752,286	559,656
Williamsport, Pa....	505,166	355,657	205,061
Wilmington, Dele....	1,483,744	2,606,203	1,396,473
Yonkers, N. Y.....	4,658,439	3,058,270	3,229,125
York, Pa.....	735,068	398,062	389,184
Total Middle Atl....	$292,794,739	$275,390,427	$277,246,777
South Atlantic:			
Asheville, N. C.....	$2,369,001	$712,556	$745,974
Atlanta, Ga.....	13,982,454	22,578,737	12,652,833
Augusta, Ga.....	1,132,010	1,596,274	1,252,674
Baltimore, Md.....	19,041,780	23,721,668	17,704,992
Charleston, S. C....	580,449	538,873	487,585
Charlotte, N. C.....	5,890,931	8,426,196	4,478,684
Coral Gables, Fla...	2,758,632	3,504,636	4,231,569
Greensboro, N. C....	3,780,510	2,635,980	2,884,200
Greenville, S. C....	1,843,981	1,454,798	2,116,695
Jacksonville, Fla...	5,264,015	4,134,572	20,699,265
Lynchburg, Va.....	4,389,135	2,586,003	1,518,166
Macon, Ga.....	1,162,847	689,659	756,808
Miami, Fla.....	11,301,605	14,490,536	10,480,390
Miami Beach, Fla....	2,452,236	8,960,394	5,650,158
Norfolk, Va.....	3,007,159	3,322,025	2,765,556

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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—Continued

3 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	3 MONTHS 1956	3 MONTHS 1955	3 MONTHS 1954
South Atl. (Cont.)			
Richmond, Va.	$4,843,143	$4,532,885	$6,265,110
Roanoke, Va.	7,779,607	2,841,659	2,577,097
Savannah, Ga.	1,303,634	1,685,765	5,673,433
Tampa, Fla.	15,359,057	12,423,620	9,256,176
Washington, D. C.	13,763,167	20,129,767	16,152,170
Winston Salem, N. C.	3,892,949	2,892,668	4,152,022
Total South Atl.	$125,898,302	$143,859,271	$132,501,557
East Central:			
Akron, Ohio	$9,965,206	$7,070,709	$5,811,729
Bay City, Mich.	547,348	710,094	899,012
Berwyn, Ills.	595,909	1,235,218	834,633
Bluefield, W. Va.	136,380	417,721	263,055
Canton, Ohio	1,383,453	1,289,177	761,367
Chicago, Ills.	74,306,742	54,696,700	45,589,850
Cincinnati, Ohio	8,432,620	8,782,270	17,081,800
Clarksburg, W. Va.	303,257	492,120	820,921
Cleveland, Ohio	16,092,000	14,636,000	15,388,700
Columbus, Ohio	7,954,980	7,065,010	7,001,660
Dayton, Ohio	5,324,439	6,074,633	4,820,593
Detroit, Mich.	25,042,733	35,205,724	26,074,637
East St. Louis, Ills	1,414,900	897,620	1,683,584
Evanston, Ills.	2,552,393	2,606,625	1,896,675
Evansville, Ind.	973,082	1,185,067	706,472
Flint, Mich.	5,638,405	4,780,920	5,754,060
Fort Wayne, Ind.	2,924,740	4,755,752	9,751,686
Gary, Ind.	3,173,830	3,061,051	3,623,372
Grand Rapids, Mich.	2,062,550	2,303,125	1,665,515
Green Bay Wis.	1,688,118	6,827,324	1,195,065
Hammond, Ind.	4,266,662	3,090,822	4,035,472
Huntington, W. Va.	792,536	1,050,948	941,169
Indianapolis, Ind.	7,082,940	5,157,606	7,833,252
Lansing, Mich.	2,378,260	6,214,945	2,110,854
Lima, Ohio	409,300	652,775	415,180
Louisville, Ky.	8,179,577	5,267,181	6,332,369
Madison, Wis.	2,037,737	2,516,504	1,493,253
Milwaukee, Wis.	18,446,754	22,995,914	18,351,530
Newark, Ohio	731,135	1,364,585	727,660
Oak Park, Ills.	440,069	662,238	277,165
Peoria, Ills.	3,186,133	3,316,601	1,307,315
Pontiac, Mich.	1,729,040	2,275,518	1,771,264
Quincy, Ills.	829,038	689,270	730,428
Racine, Wis.	3,245,863	3,657,280	2,052,281
Rockford, Ills.	3,488,600	4,184,210	2,761,380
Saginaw, Mich.	1,363,039	2,478,065	1,259,059
South Bend, Ind.	2,444,313	3,368,518	2,690,155
Springfield, Ills.	3,677,610	976,855	9,564,854
Springfield, Ohio	434,185	411,300	903,400
Superior, Wis.	795,255	42,830	548,184
Terre Haute, Ind.	946,903	700,451	314,201
Toledo, Ohio	3,896,377	2,785,950	4,184,837
Waukegan, Ills.	3,939,476	1,073,478	1,545,750
Wheeling, W. Va.	958,511	664,640	828,950
Youngstown, Ohio	4,522,905	2,493,453	1,397,086
Zanesville, Ohio	256,160	118,592	139,045
Total East Central	$250,991,463	$242,303,389	$226,140,479
South Central:			
Abilene, Texas	$8,279,827	$4,922,932	$2,835,206
Amarillo, Texas	5,151,665	7,409,231	3,691,787
Austin, Texas	13,531,156	10,458,185	8,738,683
Beaumont, Texas	4,150,802	2,124,844	2,568,757
Birmingham, Ala.	9,985,746	8,892,558	5,164,660
Chattanooga, Tenn.	2,356,821	1,669,462	2,341,289
Dallas, Texas	45,897,950	49,031,191	30,042,964
El Paso, Texas	7,869,413	9,555,774	4,835,967
Fort Smith, Ark.	1,352,643	927,008	978,083
Fort Worth, Texas	9,581,169	15,005,112	10,079,537
Galveston, Texas	871,399	604,569	1,796,229
Houston, Texas	41,521,444	36,625,178	37,880,823
Jackson, Miss.	3,296,606	4,223,589	2,721,532
Knoxville, Tenn.	3,576,406	2,823,809	1,712,009
Little Rock, Ark.	2,276,540	3,426,026	2,278,669
Memphis, Tenn.	10,804,636	12,361,828	11,324,284
South Cent. (Cont.)			
Mobile, Ala.	$3,701,833	$4,446,692	$3,605,374
Montgomery, Ala.	3,194,773	4,075,031	3,021,362
Muskogee, Okla.	298,350	220,300	170,250
Nashville, Tenn.	2,819,399	2,927,838	2,459,654
New Orleans, La.	22,814,433	41,111,607	11,791,064
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8,432,231	11,759,807	13,805,249
Port Arthur, Texas	1,253,578	1,652,552	884,710
San Angelo, Texas	1,769,218	2,383,566	2,750,344
San Antonio, Texas	21,344,108	16,546,733	10,463,460
Shreveport, La.	7,864,656	5,890,785	5,221,377
Tulsa, Okla.	5,012,510	4,923,460	5,978,465
Waco, Texas	3,708,589	3,938,691	3,208,153
Wichita Falls, Texas	2,460,620	3,133,376	2,118,755
Total South Cent.	$255,178,521	$273,071,734	$194,468,696
West Central:			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	$3,005,278	$3,621,867	$1,349,470
Davenport, Iowa	2,844,011	1,615,200	1,279,133
Des Moines, Iowa	4,306,667	8,458,655	4,936,845
Dubuque, Iowa	1,893,741	838,939	692,774
Duluth, Minn.	812,930	1,833,795	531,931
Fargo, N. D.	165,025	431,610	309,800
Kansas City, Kas.	2,678,785	3,253,086	2,135,478
Kansas City, Mo.	9,940,000	17,475,000	15,682,000
Lincoln, Neb.	3,134,631	3,619,930	2,765,893
Minneapolis, Minn.	4,426,853	5,829,929	4,935,144
Omaha, Neb.	6,439,095	4,231,186	4,613,819
St. Joseph, Mo.	624,950	1,582,647	396,100
St. Louis, Mo.	7,937,632	15,171,590	15,402,036
St. Paul, Minn.	6,013,100	6,507,284	6,149,569
Sioux City, Iowa	1,147,075	715,300	809,380
Sioux Falls, S. D.	1,232,074	1,201,542	634,386
Topeka, Kas.	1,771,230	1,744,654	2,045,441
Wichita, Kas.	9,784,486	13,632,939	8,542,982
Total West Central	$68,157,563	$91,765,153	$73,212,181
Mountain:			
Albuquerque, N. M.	$9,162,761	$10,913,456	$9,285,000
Billings, Mont.	1,458,550	1,477,150	1,757,900
Boise, Idaho	880,357	1,492,113	767,735
Butte, Mont.	119,455	123,884	68,507
Colorado Springs, Col.	4,528,666	5,644,755	2,151,435
Denver, Col.	24,263,053	28,243,900	20,144,524
Great Falls, Mont.	2,100,480	909,518	446,850
Ogden, Utah	1,630,500	2,480,200	1,336,600
Phoenix, Ariz.	6,076,649	5,493,906	6,366,929
Pueblo, Col.	2,403,850	3,643,891	1,653,023
Salt Lake City, U.	5,047,268	3,625,307	3,036,672
Tucson, Ariz.	4,734,734	3,128,099	1,863,582
Total Mountain	$62,406,323	$67,176,179	$48,878,757
Pacific:			
Bakersfield, Cal.	4,321,461	3,474,415	6,502,677
Berkeley, Cal.	1,346,871	1,932,112	1,310,349
Beverly Hills, Cal.	1,548,759	2,434,814	2,531,578
Fresno, Cal.	4,500,321	5,984,269	4,690,595
Glendale, Cal.	6,318,109	2,765,736	3,621,387
Long Beach, Cal.	22,687,275	16,662,360	10,847,190
Los Angeles, Cal.	111,577,051	103,417,133	87,458,675
Oakland, Cal.	7,856,732	6,246,022	4,828,899
Pasadena, Cal.	5,725,747	4,154,461	3,526,132
Portland, Ore.	10,207,110	11,279,995	8,393,025
Sacramento, Cal.	10,472,739	7,027,366	5,507,052
San Diego, Cal.	21,106,189	23,248,450	22,314,148
San Francisco, Cal.	17,066,156	13,764,468	9,306,940
San Jose, Cal.	11,814,449	5,300,840	3,736,825
Seattle, Wash.	15,929,710	19,340,595	17,068,065
Spokane, Wash.	5,455,731	5,233,450	7,312,919
Stockton, Cal.	2,578,971	2,223,192	2,056,239
Tacoma, Wash.	3,424,246	4,010,403	3,740,215
Total Pacific	$263,937,627	$238,500,081	$204,752,910
Total 217 Cities	$1,372,113,260	$1,391,717,991	$1,204,002,989

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—MONTHLY—1954 TO DATE

	TOTAL UNITED STATES - 217 CITIES			NEW YORK CITY			OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY - 216 CITIES		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
Jan.	$431,357,658	$406,628,525	$345,352,829	$61,735,949	$49,423,105	$32,068,684	$369,621,709	$357,205,420	$313,284,145
Feb.	437,622,349	442,092,367	345,986,529	89,172,555	47,687,734	51,047,477	348,449,794	394,404,633	294,939,052
Mar.	503,133,253	542,997,099	512,663,611	52,512,472	59,577,583	99,045,726	450,620,781	483,419,516	413,617,885
Apr.	.....	521,173,029	489,888,868	.....	49,939,864	55,063,895	.....	471,233,165	434,824,973
May	.....	565,327,637	435,015,419	.....	65,782,634	35,373,510	.....	499,545,003	399,641,909
June	.....	634,030,839	523,169,936	.....	99,080,484	39,149,744	.....	534,950,355	484,020,192
July	.....	511,841,797	448,439,021	.....	51,383,412	40,301,251	.....	460,458,385	408,137,770
Aug.	.....	555,829,122	459,157,830	.....	41,436,766	30,841,192	.....	514,392,356	428,316,638
Sept.	.....	477,025,801	482,032,488	.....	58,177,460	47,413,380	.....	418,848,341	434,619,108
Oct.	.....	487,392,751	463,728,026	.....	44,087,975	30,760,116	.....	443,304,776	432,967,910
Nov.	.....	429,366,384	427,879,197	.....	55,764,815	45,195,814	.....	373,601,569	382,683,383
Dec.	.....	349,091,618	408,940,808	.....	45,121,585	40,309,360	.....	303,970,033	368,631,448
Total	.....	$5,922,796,969	$5,342,254,562	.....	$667,463,417	$546,570,149	.....	$5,255,333,552	$4,795,684,413

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

	MAR. 1956	FEB. 1956	JAN. 1956	MAR. 1955	THREE MONTHS 1956	THREE MONTHS 1955	THREE MONTHS 1954	THREE MONTHS 1953
NEW ENGLAND								
Maine	42	42	65	55	149	145	110	117
New Hampshire	48	31	48	48	127	101	108	98
Vermont	25	11	21	26	57	60	36	38
Massachusetts	305	328	379	305	1,012	993	841	829
Connecticut	191	216	209	255	616	634	451	452
Rhode Island	103	115	110	130	328	327	260	196
Total New England	714	743	832	819	2,289	2,260	1,806	1,730
MIDDLE ATLANTIC								
New York	2,429	2,454	3,040	2,780	7,923	8,305	6,778	6,415
New Jersey	808	746	877	857	2,431	2,364	1,844	1,814
Pennsylvania	421	405	425	402	1,251	1,140	964	857
Total Middle Atlantic	3,658	3,605	4,342	4,039	11,605	11,809	9,586	9,086
EAST NORTH CENTRAL								
Ohio	828	740	802	778	2,370	2,133	1,767	1,688
Indiana	236	203	186	253	625	590	431	427
Illinois	738	685	647	513	2,070	1,605	1,383	1,275
Michigan	451	517	395	441	1,363	1,341	1,089	818
Wisconsin	201	222	216	208	639	607	416	325
Total East North Central	2,454	2,367	2,246	2,193	7,067	6,276	5,086	4,533
WEST NORTH CENTRAL								
Minnesota	144	132	155	167	431	497	374	353
Iowa	107	58	69	73	234	218	126	132
Missouri	230	184	296	253	710	698	526	480
North Dakota	23	17	24	19	60	62	51	66
South Dakota	23	15	20	23	62	72	55	70
Nebraska	66	75	56	48	197	172	119	97
Kansas	76	78	87	88	241	254	179	140
Total West North Central	669	559	707	671	1,935	1,973	1,430	1,338
SOUTH ATLANTIC								
Maryland	236	231	198	274	665	745	540	535
Delaware	277	261	264	342	802	976	722	722
Virginia	212	199	233	156	644	510	430	432
West Virginia	66	40	97	48	203	178	195	173
North Carolina	145	168	174	160	487	486	360	413
South Carolina	83	94	114	84	291	231	180	184
Georgia	197	163	208	200	568	551	416	335
Florida	788	643	709	608	2,140	1,797	1,217	1,215
Total South Atlantic	2,004	1,799	1,997	1,872	5,800	5,474	4,060	4,009
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Kentucky	100	97	121	126	318	292	204	176
Tennessee	142	123	147	161	412	441	307	272
Alabama	104	121	103	106	328	276	190	190
Mississippi	57	51	62	54	170	158	126	111
Total East South Central	403	392	433	447	1,228	1,167	827	749
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Arkansas	68	79	74	49	221	149	108	140
Oklahoma	121	131	146	131	398	395	284	253
Louisiana	161	132	183	151	476	409	259	286
Texas	353	807	329	445	1,489	1,386	909	1,015
Total West South Central	703	1,149	732	776	2,584	2,339	1,560	1,694
MOUNTAIN								
Montana	33	29	15	35	77	92	82	67
Idaho	29	40	59	36	128	106	83	77
Wyoming	26	24	25	34	75	84	62	45
Colorado	173	131	143	210	447	562	310	231
New Mexico	29	38	29	38	96	127	80	85
Arizona	130	113	123	131	366	341	250	195
Utah	41	52	43	76	136	203	139	96
Nevada	89	91	80	182	260	401	227	184
Total Mountain	550	518	517	742	1,585	1,916	1,233	980
PACIFIC								
Washington	171	136	168	187	475	485	326	301
Oregon	124	93	108	115	325	322	182	248
California	1,372	1,142	1,281	1,556	3,795	3,946	2,494	2,402
Total Pacific	1,667	1,371	1,557	1,858	4,595	4,753	3,002	2,951
TOTAL 48 STATES	12,822	12,503	13,363	13,417	38,688	37,967	28,590	27,070

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS—48 STATES—MONTHLY—JULY 1946 TO DATE

	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
January	13,363	13,181	9,543	9,468	8,357	8,515	9,070	7,906	11,000	12,112	13,006
February	12,503	11,369	8,533	7,943	7,138	6,590	7,736	6,362	7,873	9,111	10,554
March	12,822	13,417	10,514	9,659	7,902	7,649	9,180	7,637	9,346	10,247	12,225
April	.....	11,756	10,272	9,507	8,284	7,653	8,375	7,273	9,223	9,802	12,469
May	.....	12,029	9,280	8,968	7,915	7,544	9,216	7,445	8,246	9,179	12,044
June	.....	12,605	9,748	8,926	7,819	6,810	8,861	7,260	8,550	8,922	11,402
July	.....	10,893	9,409	8,703	7,549	6,428	7,191	6,424	7,690	9,041	11,987
August	.....	10,983	9,041	7,487	7,088	6,496	7,201	6,828	6,723	8,055	10,400
September	.....	11,024	9,256	7,433	7,529	5,950	6,277	6,867	6,930	8,561	9,551
October	.....	10,698	9,852	8,267	8,223	6,812	6,782	6,877	6,686	9,609	10,799
November	.....	10,157	9,735	7,269	6,741	6,289	6,256	6,755	6,413	7,873	8,485
December	.....	11,539	11,981	8,915	8,274	6,913	6,780	7,857	7,421	10,126	9,994
Total	.....	139,651	117,164	102,545	92,819	83,649	92,925	85,491	96,101	112,638	132,916

Failures by Divisions of Industry—March and 3 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
	MONTH OF MARCH			THREE MONTHS			MONTH OF MARCH			THREE MONTHS		
Mining & Manufacturing:	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
Mining-Coal, Oil, Miscellaneous	6	6	3	10	16	15	1,454	603	100	3,186	1,564	1,239
Food & Kindred Products	18	10	10	58	47	45	549	1,548	403	2,981	4,067	3,744
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	57	48	52	159	140	155	2,915	3,979	2,984	8,922	7,703	7,685
Lumber & Lumber Products	39	29	28	101	69	77	2,808	2,139	1,435	6,518	3,484	3,723
Paper, Printing & Publishing	8	10	13	27	32	39	252	648	771	705	1,944	1,635
Chemicals & Allied Products	4	8	7	11	13	21	183	128	428	2,112	904	1,162
Leather & Leather Products	10	4	5	23	21	23	338	180	121	1,250	857	1,486
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5	6	3	6	10	10	807	675	108	862	968	519
Iron, Steel & Products	11	20	16	33	46	38	484	1,622	2,143	3,302	6,215	4,758
Machinery	30	36	25	87	83	64	3,771	3,463	4,091	10,182	11,175	15,807
Transportation Equipment	3	7	2	16	17	10	161	176	254	1,438	2,050	1,735
Miscellaneous	33	41	34	104	114	100	1,927	1,760	2,521	6,280	6,548	6,340
Total Mining & Manufacturing	224	225	198	635	608	597	15,649	16,921	15,359	47,738	47,479	49,833
Wholesale Trade:												
Food & Farm Products	21	31	28	75	86	73	489	1,095	1,538	2,373	3,354	2,881
Apparel	5	6	6	19	19	13	81	236	181	523	538	238
Dry Goods	6	4	10	12	11	17	123	84	509	251	476	896
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	18	14	13	47	37	29	1,526	615	439	3,492	1,599	1,562
Chemicals & Drugs	4	3	5	11	10	12	57	51	93	183	225	373
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equipment	8	5	8	17	18	14	99	69	146	746	467	446
Miscellaneous	60	56	53	155	156	131	3,064	2,782	2,211	7,294	7,002	6,497
Total Wholesale Trade	122	119	123	336	337	289	5,439	4,932	5,117	14,862	13,661	12,893
Retail Trade:												
Food & Liquor	77	83	120	239	229	257	1,264	1,732	2,057	3,432	4,105	3,829
General Merchandise	24	18	22	68	54	53	421	250	1,043	3,286	1,361	1,668
Apparel & Accessories	124	87	72	330	251	229	2,160	1,617	1,517	7,279	4,867	4,547
Furniture, Home Furnishings	70	81	110	225	212	264	2,326	3,171	16,332	7,057	6,932	21,290
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	26	29	30	86	76	72	532	662	717	2,728	1,827	1,919
Automotive Group	68	48	66	183	120	172	2,273	1,504	2,222	8,553	3,124	5,184
Eating & Drinking Places	105	114	71	276	252	227	1,887	2,035	1,014	5,973	4,852	4,295
Drug Stores	12	15	19	38	33	39	218	306	240	671	653	710
Miscellaneous	66	45	41	173	161	137	1,349	695	901	3,080	2,826	2,994
Total Retail Trade	572	520	551	1,618	1,388	1,450	12,430	11,972	26,043	42,059	30,547	46,436
Construction:												
General Building Contractors	52	35	55	152	99	118	3,035	2,132	4,283	11,326	12,729	7,330
Building Sub-Contractors	89	64	84	243	186	202	3,452	1,795	2,832	10,325	6,936	6,038
Other Contractors	9	9	4	22	23	18	602	541	140	1,482	1,471	1,135
Total Construction	150	108	143	417	308	338	7,089	4,468	7,255	23,133	21,136	14,503
Commercial Service:												
Passenger & Freight Transportation	38	20	25	72	61	71	967	1,860	711	2,383	3,934	5,115
Miscellaneous Public Services	4	2	8	6	5	12	141	25	556	184	149	742
Hotels	3	2	4	14	10	8	56	440	168	2,116	1,885	652
Cleaning, Dyeing & Repairing	14	8	11	28	26	30	282	108	320	441	406	619
Laundries	1	3	6	9	15	8	17	39	95	312	448	118
Undertakers	1	1	..	1	2	..	1	41	..	1	74	..
Other Personal Services	10	6	8	23	20	15	152	61	168	247	212	262
Business & Repair Services	31	24	25	83	74	77	399	342	1,488	1,225	1,206	3,473
Total Commercial Service	102	66	87	236	213	221	2,015	2,916	3,506	6,909	8,314	10,981
TOTAL UNITED STATES	1,170	1,038	1,102	3,242	2,854	2,895	42,622	41,209	57,280	134,701	121,137	134,646

Failures in Large Cities—March and 3 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	NUMBER OF FAILURES						CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS					
Cities	MONTH OF MARCH			THREE MONTHS			MONTH OF MARCH			THREE MONTHS		
(1940 Population Ranking)	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
New York, N. Y.	199	219	249	579	575	641	7,961	7,119	9,621	20,493	21,888	28,728
Chicago, Ills.	19	25	40	72	75	81	2,405	1,574	15,822	7,401	3,407	20,197
Philadelphia, Pa.	27	27	16	80	65	48	1,959	851	556	3,392	2,302	1,069
Detroit, Mich.	16	16	5	39	29	18	417	632	396	1,331	3,082	1,100
Los Angeles, Cal.	29	30	50	90	112	142	779	953	2,083	3,034	3,250	4,697
Cleveland, Ohio	14	10	9	39	22	27	788	454	134	1,304	951	1,346
Baltimore, Md.	15	19	21	30	36	41	400	814	774	1,060	1,066	1,146
St. Louis, Mo.	1	1	1	15	6	5	21	2	9	996	69	90
Boston, Mass.	11	9	11	30	35	28	311	366	514	2,425	1,277	850
Pittsburgh, Pa.	5	10	9	11	19	19	95	132	917	184	1,583	1,137
Washington, D. C.	4	4	9	8	11	21	78	156	806	172	6,108	1,229
San Francisco, Cal.	13	17	15	37	52	37	310	498	346	768	1,714	1,474
Milwaukee, Wisc.	9	10	6	23	35	11	178	132	271	422	716	389
Buffalo, N. Y.	..	4	4	11	16	12	..	92	230	983	678	509
New Orleans, La.	2	3	1	9	10	2	11	147	70	203	578	130
Minneapolis, Minn.	1	3	3	12	12	13	17	78	53	980	402	926
Cincinnati, Ohio	4	2	5	11	10	13	156	114	283	298	452	598
Newark, N. J.	9	11	3	33	27	20	253	1,350	73	2,060	2,057	559
Kansas City, Mo.	2	1	5	6	1	11	174	29	213	391	29	507
Indianapolis, Ind.	3	2	4	6	6	5	30	23	59	97	221	74
Houston, Texas	4	4	3	6	8	12	478	340	66	766	426	1,007
Seattle, Wash.	17	5	2	28	18	14	869	130	60	1,071	502	279
Rochester, N. Y.	4	3	1	14	10	7	77	61	15	723	135	71
Louisville, Ky.	4	1	..	11	2	3	141	49	..	358	73	225
Denver, Col.	8	4	3	29	15	13	239	98	98	797	447	738
Total 25 Cities	420	440	475	1,229	1,207	1,244	18,147	16,194	33,469	51,709	53,413	69,075
Balance of Country	750	598	627	2,013	1,647	1,651	24,475	25,015	23,811	82,992	67,724	65,571
Total United States	1,170	1,038	1,102	3,242	2,854	2,895	42,622	41,209	57,280	134,701	121,137	134,646

United States Failures by States—March and 3 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	Number of Failures						Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars					
	Month of March			Three Months			Month of March			Three Months		
	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
New England:												
Maine	3	5	2	8	11	13	44	296	30	120	405	807
New Hampshire	1	3	4	1	13	9	16	46	93	16	706	207
Vermont	..	1	..	2	3	1	..	123	..	217	166	8
Massachusetts	44	26	33	106	94	89	1,497	1,092	1,595	5,644	3,540	4,041
Connecticut	13	22	19	39	42	44	243	871	601	2,472	1,353	2,295
Rhode Island	11	6	5	51	24	20	189	277	126	4,081	929	488
Total New England	72	63	63	207	187	176	1,989	2,705	2,445	12,550	7,099	7,846
Middle Atlantic:												
New York	266	292	302	774	740	792	9,948	10,122	11,456	27,344	28,696	32,724
New Jersey	58	42	39	166	118	114	1,623	4,727	1,126	7,764	7,616	3,042
Pennsylvania	67	63	45	176	174	129	3,865	1,970	2,862	7,727	7,964	4,424
Total Middle Atlantic	391	397	386	1,116	1,032	1,035	15,436	16,819	15,444	42,835	44,276	40,190
East North Central:												
Ohio	52	34	45	131	95	109	3,139	1,528	2,009	6,337	3,130	4,982
Indiana	9	8	26	27	25	41	131	205	760	551	1,927	1,600
Illinois	41	44	59	119	111	122	3,524	2,270	16,972	9,639	4,442	22,155
Michigan	32	28	15	96	57	45	1,373	1,050	860	4,733	4,059	2,266
Wisconsin	22	30	20	62	82	42	429	613	600	1,756	1,659	1,099
Total East North Central	156	144	165	435	370	359	8,596	5,666	21,201	23,016	15,217	32,102
West North Central:												
Minnesota	8	9	11	39	31	36	102	232	247	1,573	3,610	2,166
Iowa	9	5	3	24	10	10	308	540	112	860	620	1,140
Missouri	7	8	15	32	19	30	222	283	528	1,889	584	1,025
North Dakota	1	..	..	3	..	..	5	..	..	76	..	..
South Dakota	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	14	..	..	37	18
Nebraska	3	3	2	10	6	14	150	303	53	442	381	605
Kansas	8	4	8	20	7	16	594	75	220	975	284	458
Total West North Central	36	30	39	128	75	107	1,381	1,447	1,160	5,815	5,516	5,412
South Atlantic:												
Maryland	21	22	29	47	42	56	515	878	849	2,002	1,341	1,432
Delaware	1	..	1	2	..	1	46	..	18	171	..	18
District of Columbia	4	4	9	8	11	21	78	155	805	172	6,107	1,228
Virginia	18	3	14	33	14	31	508	76	294	960	407	1,070
West Virginia	7	12	6	20	28	17	134	165	99	343	1,041	350
North Carolina	12	7	8	32	15	25	300	972	360	722	1,294	1,161
South Carolina	8	3	2	17	21	14	202	14	24	450	1,194	439
Georgia	13	10	19	44	39	49	245	1,177	762	1,652	1,878	1,532
Florida	31	13	28	102	55	63	463	349	1,309	2,134	3,481	2,851
Total South Atlantic	115	74	116	305	225	277	2,491	3,786	4,520	8,606	16,743	10,081
East South Central:												
Kentucky	8	4	2	20	10	8	224	141	12	517	289	288
Tennessee	20	20	5	53	36	18	504	1,538	96	2,886	1,808	350
Alabama	5	7	2	13	20	14	137	306	79	409	791	327
Mississippi	6	3	6	17	15	22	234	51	522	586	434	1,219
Total East South Central	39	34	15	103	81	62	1,099	2,036	709	4,398	3,322	2,184
West South Central:												
Arkansas	4	5	4	5	13	9	42	49	145	44	407	189
Oklahoma	3	5	6	21	14	14	66	68	316	546	445	619
Louisiana	12	7	9	29	20	23	533	203	463	1,245	770	1,026
Texas	28	19	21	84	48	51	1,203	824	506	7,168	2,278	4,231
Total West South Central	47	36	40	139	95	97	1,844	1,144	1,430	9,003	3,900	6,065
Mountain:												
Montana	4	2	2	11	5	2	62	129	8	155	135	8
Idaho	..	1	..	5	2	4	..	54	..	157	129	115
Wyoming	..	1	..	..	4	1	..	33	..	..	68	37
Colorado	15	4	4	41	17	18	349	99	202	1,227	493	956
New Mexico	2	..	3	8	3	7	141	..	107	258	64	229
Arizona	10	6	4	27	26	19	436	156	65	1,488	680	295
Utah	4	1	3	14	16	12	115	14	73	356	1,279	376
Nevada	4	5	3	15	9	8	137	131	67	1,722	175	331
Total Mountain	39	20	19	121	82	71	1,240	616	522	5,363	3,023	2,347
Pacific:												
Washington	28	16	7	60	54	33	1,056	257	176	1,859	1,455	585
Oregon	13	8	12	33	18	35	1,257	157	1,332	2,912	393	2,567
California	234	216	240	595	635	643	6,233	6,576	8,341	18,344	20,193	25,267
Total Pacific	275	240	259	688	707	711	8,546	6,990	9,849	23,115	22,041	28,419
Total United States	1,170	1,038	1,102	3,242	2,854	2,895	42,622	41,209	57,280	134,701	121,137	134,646

Canadian Failures by Provinces—March and 3 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

	Number of Failures						Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars					
	Month of March			Three Months			Month of March			Three Months		
Canada:	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954	1956	1955	1954
Newfoundland	4	2	1	7	5	2	136	65	44	224	171	56
Prince Edward Island	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
Nova Scotia	1	1	2	1	3	8	17	292	112	17	332	236
New Brunswick	2	2	3	4	3	8	43	16	95	243	45	183
Quebec	55	85	112	187	256	237	1,909	2,305	2,807	6,072	6,063	6,282
Ontario	44	38	39	124	104	101	3,698	912	1,600	8,934	2,879	7,805
Manitoba	2	8	2	10	18	10	2,195	412	244	2,355	1,090	1,042
Saskatchewan	..	2	1	3	8	4	..	134	4	42	496	68
Alberta	..	1	4	1	2	15	..	5	45	15	20	1,019
British Columbia	6	9	10	15	23	22	804	258	443	956	682	774
Total Canada	114	146	174	352	423	407	8,802	4,399	5,394	18,858	11,783	17,465

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—March and 3 Months 1956, 1955 and 1954

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	MARCH 1956				THREE MONTHS 1956				THREE MONTHS 1955			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
MANUFACTURING	224	100.0	15,649	15,935	635	100.0	47,738	48,766	608	100.0	47,479	48,051
Under $5,000	22	9.8	78	78	60	9.5	188	188	38	6.3	114	114
$5,000 to $25,000	94	42.0	1,145	1,145	240	37.8	2,907	2,907	258	42.4	3,260	3,260
$25,000 to $100,000	74	33.0	3,936	3,936	217	34.2	10,931	10,931	213	35.0	10,610	10,610
$100,000 to $1,000,000	32	14.3	8,667	8,667	112	17.6	25,405	25,582	93	15.3	23,391	23,841
$1,000,000 and Over	2	0.9	1,823	2,109	6	0.9	8,307	9,158	6	1.0	10,104	10,226
WHOLESALE TRADE	122	100.0	5,439	5,473	336	100.0	14,862	14,896	337	100.0	13,661	13,741
Under $5,000	11	9.0	30	30	29	8.6	89	89	31	9.2	89	89
$5,000 to $25,000	61	50.0	690	690	154	45.9	1,991	1,991	161	47.8	2,197	2,197
$25,000 to $100,000	35	28.7	1,471	1,471	120	35.7	5,582	5,582	119	35.3	5,297	5,297
$100,000 to $1,000,000	14	11.5	2,108	2,142	32	9.5	6,060	6,094	25	7.4	5,063	5,143
$1,000,000 and Over	1	0.8	1,140	1,140	1	0.3	1,140	1,140	1	0.3	1,015	1,015
RETAIL TRADE	572	100.0	12,430	12,464	1,618	100.0	42,059	42,295	1,388	100.0	30,547	31,186
Under $5,000	118	20.6	330	330	337	20.8	941	941	251	18.1	700	700
$5,000 to $25,000	318	55.6	3,861	3,861	866	53.5	10,473	10,473	801	57.7	9,444	9,444
$25,000 to $100,000	118	20.6	4,847	4,847	352	21.8	14,744	14,744	287	20.7	12,298	12,298
$100,000 to $1,000,000	18	3.2	3,392	3,426	60	3.7	10,427	10,663	49	3.5	8,105	8,744
$1,000,000 and Over	..	..	..	..	3	0.2	5,474	5,474	..	..	..	..
CONSTRUCTION	150	100.0	7,089	7,956	417	100.0	23,133	24,125	308	100.0	21,136	21,191
Under $5,000	13	8.7	45	45	37	8.9	108	108	41	13.3	122	122
$5,000 to $25,000	66	44.0	871	871	173	41.5	2,317	2,317	131	42.5	1,857	1,857
$25,000 to $100,000	51	34.0	2,181	2,181	152	36.4	7,403	7,403	97	31.5	4,663	4,663
$100,000 to $1,000,000	20	13.3	3,992	4,859	53	12.7	10,631	11,623	36	11.7	6,514	6,569
$1,000,000 and Over	..	..	..	..	2	0.5	2,674	2,674	3	1.0	7,980	7,980
COMMERCIAL SERVICE	102	100.0	2,015	2,015	236	100.0	6,909	6,909	213	100.0	8,314	8,314
Under $5,000	20	19.6	51	51	58	24.6	161	161	41	19.3	111	111
$5,000 to $25,000	55	53.9	715	715	119	50.4	1,470	1,470	107	50.2	1,422	1,422
$25,000 to $100,000	25	24.5	1,019	1,019	47	19.9	2,125	2,125	52	24.4	2,406	2,406
$100,000 to $1,000,000	2	2.0	230	230	12	5.1	3,153	3,153	12	5.6	3,319	3,319
$1,000,000 and Over	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.5	1,056	1,056
TOTAL UNITED STATES	1,170	100.0	42,622	43,843	3,242	100.0	134,701	136,991	2,854	100.0	121,137	122,483
Under $5,000	184	15.7	534	534	521	16.0	1,487	1,487	402	14.1	1,136	1,136
$5,000 to $25,000	594	50.8	7,282	7,282	1,552	47.9	19,158	19,158	1,458	51.1	18,180	18,180
$25,000 to $100,000	303	25.9	13,454	13,454	888	27.4	40,785	40,785	768	26.9	35,274	35,274
$100,000 to $1,000,000	86	7.3	18,389	19,324	269	8.3	55,676	57,115	215	7.5	46,392	47,616
$1,000,000 and Over	3	0.3	2,963	3,249	12	0.4	17,595	18,446	11	0.4	20,155	20,277

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—March 1956

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

District:	MANUFACTURING		WHOLESALE TRADE		RETAIL TRADE		CONSTRUCTION		COMMERCIAL SERVICE		TOTAL UNITED STATES	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston (1)	8	262	7	184	43	906	8	506	3	62	69	1,920
New York (2)	99	5,342	39	2,449	151	2,136	10	1,073	19	299	318	11,299
Philadelphia (3)	15	1,343	8	344	30	852	10	499	1	45	64	3,083
Cleveland (4)	8	2,854	3	50	32	879	15	405	8	121	66	4,309
Richmond (5)	5	233	11	207	37	808	13	375	4	114	70	1,737
Atlanta (6)	14	233	7	84	31	412	12	412	5	76	69	1,217
Chicago (7)	11	2,089	16	812	48	1,410	14	455	15	513	104	5,279
St. Louis (8)	10	404	4	75	20	603	2	134	..	..	36	1,216
Minneapolis (9)	1	17	1	5	11	145	3	58	..	..	16	225
Kansas City (10)	3	132	1	76	14	448	11	651	4	45	33	1,352
Dallas (11)	4	749	1	75	20	512	7	515	2	22	34	1,873
San Francisco (12)	46	1,991	24	1,078	135	3,319	45	2,006	41	718	291	9,112
Total United States	224	15,649	122	5,439	572	12,430	150	7,089	102	2,015	1,170	42,622

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—3 Months 1956

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

District:	MANUFACTURING		WHOLESALE TRADE		RETAIL TRADE		CONSTRUCTION		COMMERCIAL SERVICE		TOTAL UNITED STATES	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston (1)	37	4,479	22	562	105	3,986	30	3,167	10	306	204	12,500
New York (2)	255	15,275	97	4,889	462	9,734	49	2,699	48	1,179	911	33,776
Philadelphia (3)	41	2,632	20	786	83	2,156	28	1,489	4	124	176	7,187
Cleveland (4)	24	4,422	15	621	80	2,015	36	1,154	16	315	171	8,527
Richmond (5)	17	809	21	526	82	1,829	29	1,321	6	129	155	4,614
Atlanta (6)	35	934	23	807	115	2,202	39	2,891	8	143	220	6,977
Chicago (7)	61	7,793	40	2,377	146	3,623	39	1,603	26	1,120	312	16,516
St. Louis (8)	16	1,539	11	298	47	1,369	9	527	3	18	86	3,751
Minneapolis (9)	4	447	3	78	39	796	6	570	3	103	55	1,994
Kansas City (10)	13	588	7	518	58	1,467	23	1,309	9	199	110	4,081
Dallas (11)	17	2,101	8	287	51	4,686	20	1,381	5	54	101	8,509
San Francisco (12)	115	6,719	69	3,113	350	8,196	109	5,022	98	3,219	741	26,269
Total United States	635	47,738	336	14,862	1,618	42,059	417	23,133	236	6,909	3,242	134,701

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1954 to Date

1954	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Con-struction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January	867	192	22.2	79	9.1	450	51.9	86	9.9	60	6.9
February	926	207	22.3	87	9.4	449	48.5	109	11.8	74	8.0
March	1,102	198	17.9	123	11.2	551	50.0	143	13.0	87	7.9
April	975	200	20.5	82	8.4	535	54.9	92	9.4	66	6.8
May	943	200	21.2	91	9.6	460	48.8	111	11.8	81	8.6
June	965	208	21.6	89	9.2	455	47.1	132	13.7	81	8.4
July	856	165	19.3	99	11.6	417	48.7	95	11.1	80	9.3
August	912	187	20.5	94	10.3	451	49.4	100	11.0	80	8.8
September	819	153	18.7	113	13.8	406	49.6	88	10.7	59	7.2
October	871	189	21.7	91	10.5	414	47.5	109	12.5	68	7.8
November	933	179	19.2	86	9.2	490	52.5	110	11.8	68	7.3
December	917	204	22.2	98	10.7	413	45.0	130	14.2	72	7.9
Total Year	11,086	2,282	20.6	1,132	10.2	5,491	49.5	1,305	11.8	876	7.9
1955											
January	939	195	20.8	114	12.1	456	48.5	87	9.3	87	9.3
February	877	188	21.4	104	11.9	412	47.0	113	12.9	60	6.8
March	1,038	225	21.7	119	11.5	520	50.1	108	10.4	66	6.3
April	903	154	17.1	93	10.3	484	53.6	106	11.7	66	7.3
May	955	168	17.6	87	9.1	499	52.2	121	12.7	80	8.4
June	914	200	21.9	79	8.6	446	48.8	114	12.5	75	8.2
July	861	179	20.8	89	10.3	423	49.1	102	11.9	68	7.9
August	888	158	17.8	107	12.1	430	48.4	134	15.1	59	6.6
September	822	168	20.5	99	12.0	366	44.5	114	13.9	75	9.1
October	919	180	19.6	85	9.2	437	47.6	136	14.8	81	8.8
November	945	196	20.7	84	8.9	462	48.9	133	14.1	70	7.4
December	908	191	21.0	104	11.5	404	44.5	136	15.0	73	8.0
Total Year	10,969	2,202	20.1	1,164	10.6	5,339	48.7	1,404	12.8	860	7.8
1956											
January	1,048	209	19.9	106	10.1	535	51.1	126	12.0	72	6.9
February	1,024	202	19.7	108	10.5	511	49.9	141	13.8	62	6.1
March	1,170	224	19.2	122	10.4	572	48.9	150	12.8	102	8.7
April	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
May	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
July	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1954 to Date

1954	Total Number	Under $5,000	% of Total	$5,000 to $25,000	% of Total	$25,000 to $100,000	% of Total	$100,000 to $1,000,000	% of Total	$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January	867	134	15.5	427	49.2	249	28.7	55	6.3	2	0.3
February	926	119	12.8	458	49.5	271	29.3	73	7.9	5	0.5
March	1,102	144	13.1	558	50.6	296	26.9	102	9.2	2	0.2
April	975	148	15.2	514	52.7	242	24.8	67	6.9	4	0.4
May	943	149	15.8	482	51.1	243	25.8	66	7.0	3	0.3
June	965	119	12.3	497	51.5	268	27.8	78	8.1	3	0.3
July	856	123	14.4	457	53.4	208	24.3	68	7.9	..	..
August	912	138	15.1	472	51.8	232	25.4	70	7.7	..	..
September	819	121	14.8	400	48.8	231	28.2	63	7.7	4	0.5
October	871	150	17.2	447	51.3	220	25.3	53	6.1	1	0.1
November	933	143	15.3	491	52.6	236	25.3	60	6.5	3	0.3
December	917	152	16.6	437	47.6	250	27.3	74	8.1	4	0.4
Total Year	11,086	1,640	14.8	5,640	50.8	2,946	26.6	829	7.5	31	0.3
1955											
January	939	133	14.2	484	51.5	256	27.3	62	6.6	4	0.4
February	877	108	12.3	453	51.7	242	27.6	70	8.0	4	0.4
March	1,038	161	15.5	521	50.2	270	26.0	83	8.0	3	0.3
April	903	159	17.6	469	52.0	216	23.9	56	6.2	3	0.3
May	955	163	17.1	484	50.7	253	26.5	52	5.4	3	0.3
June	914	170	18.6	420	45.9	241	26.4	82	9.0	1	0.1
July	861	149	17.3	420	48.8	232	27.0	58	6.7	2	0.2
August	888	157	17.7	431	48.5	223	25.1	76	8.6	1	0.1
September	822	129	15.7	388	47.2	227	27.6	76	9.2	2	0.3
October	919	145	15.8	469	51.1	248	27.0	54	5.8	3	0.3
November	945	152	16.1	464	49.1	247	26.1	76	8.1	6	0.6
December	908	159	17.5	409	45.0	261	28.8	75	8.3	4	0.4
Total Year	10,969	1,785	16.3	5,412	49.3	2,916	26.6	820	7.5	36	0.3
1956											
January	1,048	178	17.0	490	46.7	303	28.9	73	7.0	4	0.4
February	1,024	159	15.5	468	45.7	282	27.5	110	10.8	5	0.5
March	1,170	184	15.7	594	50.8	303	25.9	86	7.3	3	0.3
April	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
May	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
July	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
August	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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MINING & MANUFACTURING	NUMBER OF FAILURES								CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS							
	1955				1956				1955				1956			
Minings*	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Coal	8	7	3	6	5				818	744	121	465	1,111			
Crude Petroleum, Natural Gas	3	3	4	5	2				390	303	571	1,047	412			
Miscellaneous Mines & Quarries	5	7	1	3	3				356	209	5	128	1,663			
Total*	16	17	8	14	10				1,564	1,256	697	1,639	3,186			
Food & Kindred Products:																
Bakery Products	10	8	8	11	13				357	734	161	563	363			
Beverages - Alcoholic	1	2	1	..	2				4	1,030	190	..	260			
Beverages - Non-alcoholic	4	6	5	7	6				280	152	116	171	403			
Confectionery	5	4	5	4	7				190	314	529	84	419			
Dairy Products	9	6	4	4	9				186	335	212	79	317			
Canning & Preserving	5	4	5	5	7				888	239	1,557	115	594			
Meat Products	8	5	4	5	4				1,065	486	1,036	567	79			
Grain - Mill Products	1	..	..	3	3				1,000	..	..	281	189			
Miscellaneous	4	5	1	7	7				97	467	200	513	357			
Total	47	40	33	45	58				4,067	3,757	4,001	2,373	2,981			
Textile Mill Products & Apparel:																
Textile Mill Products	12	10	6	9	18				1,825	354	1,017	420	1,859			
Knit Goods	10	5	3	6	8				696	250	57	285	332			
Men's & Boy's Clo. & Furnishings	14	9	18	12	17				1,433	525	927	1,697	2,163			
Women's & Children's Clo. & Acc's	64	62	71	69	79				2,740	2,556	2,446	3,228	3,144			
Miscellaneous Apparel	28	21	21	22	26				663	919	694	741	929			
Misc. Textile Products	12	3	7	12	11				346	169	536	810	495			
Total	140	110	126	130	159				7,703	4,773	5,677	7,181	8,922			
Lumber & Mill Products:																
Lumber & Basic Products	17	36	24	41	34				525	994	869	1,646	3,079			
Furniture	40	47	45	41	51				2,639	2,090	1,729	1,224	2,849			
Other Finished Products	12	11	7	15	16				320	508	289	825	590			
Total	69	94	76	97	101				3,484	3,592	2,887	3,695	6,518			
Paper, Printing & Publishing:																
Paper & Allied Products	7	1	4	4	6				877	34	132	138	91			
Printing & Publishing	25	20	23	30	21				1,067	381	493	3,638	614			
Total	32	21	27	34	27				1,944	415	625	3,776	705			
Chemicals & Allied Products:																
Chemicals & Allied Products	7	10	4	3	6				719	1,325	93	163	218			
Drug, Toilet & H'sehold Preparations	4	2	9	6	3				113	144	495	190	1,783			
Paints & Varnishes	2	1	..	1	2				72	30	..	110	111			
Total	13	13	13	10	11				904	1,499	588	463	2,112			
Leather & Leather Products:																
Leather	1	..	1	1	..				71	..	34	34	..			
Footwear	9	8	11	2	8				390	960	945	92	220			
Other Leather Products	11	14	14	8	15				396	603	686	147	1,030			
Total	21	22	26	11	23				857	1,563	1,665	273	1,250			
Stone, Clay & Glass Products:																
Stone Products	6	4	5	4	2				800	75	96	152	83			
Clay Products	2	7	3	5	1				52	124	137	86	599			
Glass Products	1	5	3	2	2				9	106	38	31	34			
Miscellaneous	1	..	1	..	1				107	..	8	..	146			
Total	10	16	12	11	6				968	305	279	269	862			
Iron & Steel Products:																
Iron & Steel Works	3	1	2	..	2				910	20	115	..	1,020			
Iron & Steel Products	43	24	16	31	31				5,305	2,484	1,454	3,931	2,282			
Total	46	25	18	31	33				6,215	2,504	1,569	3,931	3,302			
Machinery:																
Electrical Machinery	24	25	18	16	23				7,469	8,650	2,663	900	3,115			
Other Machinery	59	42	48	59	64				3,706	3,130	6,258	4,502	7,067			
Total	83	67	66	75	87				11,175	11,780	8,921	5,402	10,182			
Transportation Equipment:																
Automobiles & Equipment	6	..	4	3	9				108	..	899	252	698			
Other Transportation Equipment	11	7	10	6	7				1,942	315	578	1,233	740			
Total	17	5	14	9	16				2,050	315	1,477	1,485	1,438			
Misc. Manufacturing Industries:																
Non-Ferrous Metals & Products	39	27	23	34	29				1,495	1,343	664	1,748	1,629			
Petroleum, Coal & Gas Products	2	..	2	..	..				500	..	419	..	..			
Miscellaneous Industries	73	63	61	66	75				4,553	7,532	3,296	3,832	4,651			
Total	114	90	86	100	104				6,548	8,875	4,379	5,580	6,280			
Total Mining & Manufacturing	608	522	505	567	635				47,479	40,634	32,765	36,067	47,738			

(*) Subtract this group to obtain true Manufacturing total.

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RETAIL TRADE	NUMBER OF FAILURES								CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS							
	1955				1956				1955				1956			
Food & Liquor:	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Bakeries	27	42	25	37	33				466	717	338	873	416			
Confectionery & Nut Stores	11	9	14	7	13				161	43	139	71	153			
Dairy Products Stores	4	6	8	6	4				231	215	227	90	112			
Delicatessen Stores	13	18	15	15	18				204	181	170	296	253			
Grocery Stores	53	55	47	52	53				436	740	410	881	640			
Grocery & Meat Stores	80	96	77	93	79				1,902	1,834	1,393	2,590	1,247			
Meat & Fish Markets	24	51	36	33	27				403	825	810	815	420			
Fruit & Vegetable Markets	8	17	10	12	4				228	247	322	517	56			
Liquor Stores	4	9	7	7	4				39	90	133	146	61			
All Other Food Stores	5	7	7	6	4				35	119	65	154	74			
Total	229	310	246	268	239				4,105	5,011	4,007	6,433	3,432			
General Merchandise:																
Department Stores	1	2	..	..	2				450	455	..	..	526			
Variety Stores	17	12	14	13	18				259	147	169	165	302			
Dry Goods Stores	15	13	17	13	21				240	410	178	208	335			
General Merchandise Stores	13	11	11	16	19				226	381	236	407	1,953			
Country General Stores	8	3	9	5	8				186	822	153	101	170			
Total	54	41	51	47	68				1,361	2,215	736	881	3,286			
Apparel & Accessories:																
Family Clothing Stores	16	9	13	9	28				304	173	133	130	949			
Men's & Boys' Clo. & Furnishings Stores	61	47	35	61	65				1,379	808	937	1,253	2,439			
Women's Ready-to-wear Stores	79	83	68	62	109				1,332	1,398	1,339	890	1,927			
Women's Accessory Stores	24	21	24	21	32				328	298	581	260	610			
Shoe Stores	30	24	25	21	36				551	413	1,155	743	493			
Miscellaneous Apparel Stores	41	28	30	33	60				973	561	326	1,509	861			
Total	251	212	195	207	330				4,867	3,651	4,471	4,785	7,279			
Furniture & Home Furnishings:																
Furniture Stores	71	71	42	54	104				2,439	2,139	1,818	1,705	3,102			
Home Furnishings & Equipment Stores	34	42	31	30	33				735	692	579	671	934			
Electrical Appliance Stores	107	102	61	74	88				3,758	2,455	1,776	2,305	3,021			
Total	212	215	134	158	225				6,932	5,286	4,173	4,681	7,057			
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware:																
Lumber & Bldg. Mtl. Dealers	40	45	31	55	43				1,019	1,692	1,047	2,811	1,688			
Paint, Glass, Wall Paper Stores	14	16	13	10	10				208	124	190	139	92			
Hardware & Farm Impl. Dealers	22	23	26	29	33				600	710	1,055	772	948			
Total	76	84	70	94	86				1,827	2,526	2,292	3,722	2,728			
Automotive Group:																
Motor Vehicle Dealers	37	24	40	50	55				2,004	957	1,913	2,469	6,455			
Automotive Accessory Dealers	15	8	16	11	12				290	154	370	158	304			
Garages & Repair Shops	32	46	37	35	44				288	748	419	346	514			
Filling Stations	35	53	45	56	70				438	695	530	1,010	1,276			
Other Automotive Dealers	1	1	2	..	2				104	4	18	..	4			
Total	120	132	140	152	183				3,104	2,558	3,250	3,983	8,553			
Eating & Drinking Places - Total	252	252	229	223	276				4,852	6,266	4,196	5,016	5,973			
Drug Stores - Total	33	37	26	32	38				653	954	501	466	671			
Miscellaneous Retail Trade:																
Cigar Stores	8	5	9	8	11				68	147	101	94	51			
Fuel & Ice Dealers	7	9	3	5	2				147	173	97	406	24			
Florists	12	7	8	8	14				150	94	181	73	401			
Jewelry Stores	36	41	33	21	32				723	790	1,394	492	1,018			
Book, Stationery & News Dealers	12	11	5	6	9				251	137	138	66	77			
Farm & Garden Supply Stores	11	12	15	18	11				378	174	630	368	340			
All Other Retail Stores	75	61	55	56	94				1,109	1,221	715	1,521	1,169			
Total	161	146	128	122	173				2,826	2,736	3,256	3,020	3,080			
TOTAL RETAIL TRADE	1,388	1,429	1,219	1,303	1,618				30,547	31,203	26,882	32,987	42,059			

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index				Adjusted Index*			
	1956	1955	1954	1953	1956	1955	1954	1953
January	47.9	42.9	39.4	28.2	46.1	40.9	36.8	26.4
February	50.9	45.6	47.9	35.6	43.5	38.6	40.9	30.4
March	49.6	44.0	46.7	32.2	46.4	41.1	43.6	29.8
April	....	39.7	42.9	30.3	....	36.8	39.7	28.1
May	....	43.7	43.1	31.5	....	41.6	41.0	30.0
June	....	40.2	42.5	35.4	....	40.6	42.9	35.8
July	....	39.1	37.6	31.3	....	42.0	40.4	33.7
August	....	37.4	40.1	30.3	....	41.6	44.1	33.7
September	....	37.5	37.5	30.7	....	43.6	44.1	36.1
October	....	41.9	39.9	36.2	....	44.6	42.4	38.9
November	....	46.8	46.4	41.7	....	46.3	46.4	41.7
December	....	39.8	40.3	35.3	....	42.3	42.9	37.2
Mo. Average	49.5	41.6	42.0	33.2	....	....	....	....

(*) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the Failure Record, have a special meaning; they include all notes and accounts payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

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	NUMBER OF FAILURES								CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS							
	1955				1956				1955				1956			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
WHOLESALE TRADE																
Food & Farm Products:																
Groceries & Food Specialties:																
Confectionery	4	1	6	3	4				94	15	116	32	103			
Groceries (full time)	3	4	7	4	3				32	137	263	134	165			
Meats & Provisions	13	11	15	12	10				256	437	704	199	266			
Fish & Sea Food	6	5	5	4	6				297	386	182	224	264			
Other Grocery Products	22	9	12	6	9				460	464	340	193	182			
Farm Products:																
Dairy & Poultry Products	9	10	9	4	6				405	513	360	338	140			
Fruits & Vegetables	22	10	18	13	26				977	548	1,130	359	1,005			
Farm Products-Raw Materials	4	2	4	5	3				524	184	358	1,202	65			
Beverages - Alcoholic	3	4	2	3	8				309	336	36	91	183			
Total Food & Farm Products	86	56	78	54	75				3,354	3,020	3,489	2,772	2,373			
Apparel	19	13	17	13	19				538	520	733	385	523			
Dry Goods	11	12	16	15	12				476	348	485	2,798	251			
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	37	30	34	34	47				1,599	2,054	1,559	1,802	3,492			
Chemicals & Drugs	10	7	11	8	11				225	267	455	240	183			
Motor Vehicles & Automotive Equip't.	18	18	18	14	17				467	382	473	698	746			
Misc. Wholesale Products:																
Coal, Coke, Petro. Products	2	2	4	4	1				33	53	1,097	154	75			
Electrical Goods	13	11	17	16	22				535	200	2,046	408	1,188			
Furniture & House Furnishings	14	15	12	14	17				348	273	410	493	446			
Machinery Equip & Supplies	42	31	34	25	33				3,616	879	1,618	1,153	761			
Paper & Its Products	11	8	11	8	8				262	251	461	265	165			
Tobacco & Its Products	4	..	1	5	5				365	..	128	108	171			
All Other	70	56	42	63	69				1,843	1,742	2,727	7,075	4,488			
Total Misc. Wholesale Products	156	123	121	135	155				7,002	3,398	8,487	9,656	7,294			
TOTAL WHOLESALE TRADE	337	259	295	273	336				13,661	9,989	15,681	18,351	14,862			
CONSTRUCTION																
General Building Contractors	99	110	111	123	152				12,729	7,685	7,849	11,564	11,326			
Building Sub-Contractors:																
Carpentering	12	11	6	16	10				195	351	148	294	229			
Painting & Decorating	19	21	20	27	22				1,500	768	207	481	492			
Heating & Plumbing	39	53	63	68	78				1,312	1,231	2,060	3,788	4,061			
Electrical	19	31	21	25	25				577	1,451	1,103	957	1,296			
All Other	97	102	110	120	108				3,352	4,030	4,000	6,680	4,247			
Total Building Sub-Contractors	186	218	220	256	243				6,936	7,831	7,518	12,200	10,325			
Other Contractors	23	13	19	26	22				1,471	521	4,841	2,034	1,482			
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION	308	341	350	405	417				21,126	16,037	20,208	25,798	23,133			
COMMERCIAL SERVICE																
Public Services:																
Transportation, Pass. & Freight	61	62	64	68	72				3,934	3,064	3,400	1,472	2,383			
Misc. Public Services	5	8	8	9	6				149	3,028	547	304	184			
Total Public Services	66	70	72	77	78				4,083	6,092	3,947	1,776	2,567			
Personal Services:																
Hotels	10	10	9	12	14				1,885	1,307	427	2,282	2,116			
Cleaning, Dying, Repairing	26	27	21	21	28				406	351	239	233	441			
Laundries	15	12	9	14	9				448	321	129	446	312			
Undertakers	2	1	3	2	1				74	188	66	73	1			
Other Personal Services	20	18	7	16	23				212	156	52	116	247			
Total Personal Services	73	68	49	65	75				3,025	2,323	913	3,150	3,117			
Business Services	29	32	31	31	32				602	467	466	582	701			
Repair Services (other than auto)	45	51	50	51	51				604	604	829	492	524			
TOTAL COMMERCIAL SERVICE	213	221	202	224	236				8,314	9,486	6,155	6,000	6,909			
TOTAL UNITED STATES	2,854	2,772	2,571	2,772	3,242				121,137	107,349	101,691	119,203	134,701			

Quarterly Record of Canadian Failures by Divisions of Industry—1956 and 1955

	NUMBER OF FAILURES								CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS							
	1955				1956				1955				1956			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Manufacturing:																
Food	2	3	5	2	4				10	61	138	51	140			
Textiles	36	16	11	14	15				1,224	882	462	650	2,668			
Forest Products	10	10	6	11	11				219	433	173	681	1,495			
Paper, Printing, Publishing	2	5	5	2	3				15	54	135	12	97			
Chemicals & Drugs	..	2	1	..	1				..	78	79	..	18			
Fuels	..	2	1	..	..				..	29	90	..	..			
Leather & Leather Products	5	2	2	1	2				186	88	42	61	190			
Stone, Clay, Glass & Products	..	2	1	1	2				..	97	26	5	131			
Iron & Steel	3	2	2	1	6				47	207	36	95	1,723			
Machinery	3	6	..	5	5				324	233	..	114	1,357			
Transportation Equipment	..	2	2	..	3				..	115	50	..	1,369			
All Other	9	5	2	10	4				288	163	7	359	224			
Total Manufacturing	70	57	38	47	56				2,313	2,440	1,238	2,028	9,412			
Wholesale Trade:																
Farm Products, Foods, Groceries	9	7	7	8	11				630	232	633	362	565			
Clothing & Furnishings	3	2	..	1	..				156	47	..	8	..			
Dry Goods & Textiles	3	5	..	3	1				41	627	..	237	36			
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	4	5	1	1	1				176	103	185	15	165			
Chemicals & Drugs	1	2	1	..	..				14	39	6	..	..			
Fuels	..	..	..	1	..				..	..	..	43	..			
Automotive Products	..	..	2	3	2				..	..	19	70	24			
Supply Houses	..	..	..	..	..				..	..	..	..	..			
All Other	16	16	11	13	12				364	232	201	196	749			
Total Wholesale Trade	36	37	22	30	27				1,381	1,280	1,044	931	1,539			
Retail Trade:																
Foods	42	34	30	24	26				634	372	344	310	447			
Farm Supplies, General Stores	5	7	5	7	5				135	294	143	130	129			
General Merchandise	9	3	4	3	6				123	40	35	139	122			
Apparel	46	26	23	24	27				1,228	386	550	332	515			
Furniture, Household Furnishings	25	27	11	16	28				586	797	136	479	741			
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	10	11	8	16	11				217	262	104	665	213			
Automotive Products	26	27	11	30	25				1,316	449	113	2,405	478			
Restaurants	27	19	21	28	33				368	200	269	327	366			
Drugs	2	2	2	4	..				37	30	16	56	..			
All Other	21	16	9	12	14				577	281	159	182	129			
Total Retail Trade	213	172	124	164	175				5,221	3,111	1,869	5,025	3,140			
Construction:																
General Contractors	28	22	24	41	30				1,129	785	827	1,025	1,080			
Carpenters & Builders	5	1	1	3	3				37	25	2	38	26			
Building Sub-Contractors	38	20	17	28	32				1,135	429	410	949	3,223			
Other Contractors	1	1	1	2	1				10	323	45	295	15			
Total Construction	72	44	43	74	66				2,311	1,562	1,284	2,307	4,344			
Commercial Service:																
Cleaners, Dyers, Tailors	2	5	6	5	6				8	183	125	52	21			
Haulage, Buses, Taxis, etc.	13	5	6	10	11				172	42	119	503	139			
Hotels	5	3	5	4	3				161	13	235	132	130			
Laundries	..	2	1	1	2				..	416	62	36	56			
Undertakers	3	..	..	..	..				72	..	..	..	..			
All Other	9	11	7	6	6				144	108	142	78	77			
Total Commercial Service	32	26	25	26	28				557	762	683	801	423			
TOTAL CANADA	423	336	252	341	352				11,783	9,155	6,118	11,092	18,858			

Quarterly Record of Canadian Failures by Provinces—1956 and 1955

	NUMBER OF FAILURES								CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS							
	1955				1956				1955				1956			
Provinces:	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Newfoundland	5	2	3	6	7				171	201	163	255	224			
Prince Edward Island	1	1	1	1	..				5	34	468	12	..			
Nova Scotia	3	1	1	1	1				332	94	233	25	17			
New Brunswick	3	5	5	1	4				45	496	260	9	243			
Quebec	256	186	148	197	187				6,063	4,031	2,670	5,907	6,072			
Ontario	104	104	60	100	124				2,879	3,419	1,549	2,856	8,934			
Manitoba	18	8	4	9	10				1,090	108	64	216	2,355			
Saskatchewan	8	6	9	5	3				496	316	300	282	42			
Alberta	2	4	2	6	1				20	200	31	360	15			
British Columbia	23	19	19	15	15				682	256	380	1,170	956			
TOTAL CANADA	423	336	252	341	352				11,783	9,155	6,118	11,092	18,858			

Quarterly Record of Canadian Failures by Cities—1956 and 1955

	NUMBER OF FAILURES								CURRENT LIABILITIES IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS							
Cities	1955				1956				1955				1956			
(1951 Population Ranking)	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Montreal, Que.	141	100	85	101	110				3,592	2,648	1,535	3,744	2,964			
Toronto, Ont.	31	40	11	33	36				1,107	1,444	220	1,062	2,472			
Vancouver, B. C.	13	13	16	10	11				519	133	331	240	893			
Winnipeg, Man.	10	2	4	5	6				691	32	64	100	82			
Ottawa, Ont.	12	8	4	13	11				179	78	88	416	299			
Quebec, Que.	18	13	6	12	12				326	145	75	239	785			
Hamilton, Ont.	6	4	1	4	3				119	73	32	61	2,010			
Edmonton, Alb.	2	3	2	3	..				20	195	31	111	..			
Calgary, Alb.	..	1	..	1	1				..	4	..	219	15			
London, Ont.	1	2	5	1	1				70	40	125	25	16			
Halifax, N. S.	..	1	1	..	..				..	94	233	..	..			
Regina, Sask.	5	1	1	..	1				464	76	90	..	9			
Saskatchewan, Sask.	1	1	4	..	1				22	11	64	..	21			
St. John's, Nfld.	3	..	2	2	3				101	..	133	157	137			
St. John, N. B.	1	..	2	..	..				8	..	194	..	..			
Total 15 Cities	248	189	144	185	196				7,218	4,973	3,215	6,374	9,703			
Balance of Country	179	147	108	156	156				4,565	4,182	2,903	4,718	9,155			
TOTAL CANADA	423	336	252	341	352				11,783	9,155	6,118	11,092	18,858			